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Former 2004 WHS grad and MIT police officer killed in the line of duty Selectmen name Jan. 3 'Sean Collier Day'

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously on Monday night to designate Jan. 3 as Sean Collier Day. While Chair Lilia Maselli joined virtually, acting chair Greg Bendel welcomed distinguished guests in the audience from the Wilmington Police Department, Wilmington Public Schools, Somerville Police Department, MIT Police Department, and also Collier's parents.

Bendel delivered Collier's background, from graduating WHS in 2004 to earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with honors from Salem State in 2009. He then volunteered in the auxiliary police department and served as the records clerk at Somerville Police Department, attending the MBTA Transit Police Academy at the same time.

He became a member of the MIT Police Department in 2012. Though he was killed in the line of duty in 2013 after the Boston Marathon bombings, he was appointed to the Somerville Police Department and his assigned badge was retired permanently.

Bendel said that Collier dedicated his life to protecting others and he hoped to see future students honor and remem-



▲ SEAN COLLIER

(file photo)

ber his sacrifice. He then opened up the floor for those in attendance to comment.

MIT Police Chief John DiFava, also a former Wilmington resident, spoke up to say that Collier was the best of them. He also thanked Bendel for putting this proposal together.

er. "We have an obligation to remember those who have made that sacrifice," he said.

He added that he was pleased but not at all surprised, knowing Wilmington's sense of community and respect for police.

Wilmington Police Chief

Joe Desmond commented that this would be a way for the community to celebrate Collier's life.

"Here we are eight years later still standing here and showing that we remember."

He declared that the members of the police department were proud

to be in attendance that night.

Some other guests that were invited to the meeting included Wilmington's delegation at the State House.

Senator Bruce Tarr spoke to Collier's compassion, kindness, and enthusiasm for protecting life. He said Collier's bravery and courage set an example for everyone, and he'd be glad to remember it every year.

"When we didn't know what was going to happen next, Sean Collier was on duty, standing tall, ready to face the threat."

He also presented citations from the state and offered congratulations to the Collier family.

In addition to presenting two more citations, Representative Dave Robertson added that Collier represented the spirit of Wilmington.

When it came time for the board to respond, Selectman Judy O'Connell shared that Collier was a hero whose legacy would live on through these efforts.

"Tonight is a small token of our appreciation for his gift of life and contributions to the Town of Wilmington, the State of Massachusetts, the world, and the police community. He matters and he has always mattered," she said.

She remembered knowing him around town and

from stories told about him at his memorial.

Gary DePalma mentioned that he had met Collier and seen his fervor for law enforcement.

"It's because of men and women like Sean that we can stand here today and smile and be proud."

He shared the importance of praying for and supporting police officers knowing the dangers that they step into every day.

Kevin Caira said that Collier's life was amazing and far too short. He wanted to see his memory kept alive. Lilia Maselli also shared her appreciation and support for honoring Collier's sacrifice and service every year.

Bendel closed by recognizing Collier's best traits: his kindness, empathy, and generosity.

"It's so important that my children and future generations be reminded of his life, service, sacrifice, and willingness to protect others."

He explained that Jan. 3, Collier's birthday, would be a great day to celebrate his life every year. He also presented a gift to Collier's parents.

Lastly, Collier's father responded saying that he appreciated the town recognizing his son on his birthday. He said that the police officers there tonight were heroes, too, and thanked them for their efforts.

Selectmen hear about rise in COVID-19 cases

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — During their meeting on Monday night, the Board of Selectmen received updates on COVID-19 and the hazard mitigation plan before they discussed a winter salt program for seniors and other items for approval.

Wilmington Board of Health Director Shelly Newhouse shared that the town had 272 active positive COVID-19 cases, with 134 being breakthrough cases. There were at the time more than 500 residents in quarantine.

She mentioned that the trend appeared to be among families, as most of the cases were in adults aged 41-60 and children. She promoted the vaccine and booster shots, perhaps from doctor's offices or pharmacies, and self-monitoring for symptoms.

She also wrote a communication to the Finance Committee which was forwarded to the board about the recent rise in cases

over the past month.

Selectman Judy O'Connell gave her appreciation for the health department's tireless efforts and the efficiency of the recent COVID-19 booster clinic they held.

Gary DePalma asked if residents who show symptoms but test negative for COVID should still stay home. Newhouse answered that people should stay home anyway until symptoms subside.

Lilia Maselli asked how long after testing positive it's necessary to wait to get the booster shot, and the answer was 90 days.

Director of Planning and Conservation Valerie Gingrich used the next appointment to discuss the 2021 hazard mitigation plan for the board to adopt. She explained that FEMA required this plan to be updated to receive grants. It would be targeted towards reducing loss of life and property by lessening the impact of natural disasters like flooding, high winds, and severe winter events.

Some of the measures they'd already completed included drainage improvements, tree inventory and risk assessments, and acquiring more DPW equipment. She said they planned to conduct Route 62 culvert replacement at Martin's Brook, relocate the DPW admin building,

and conduct outreach to homeowners about drought.

O'Connell asked if a new location was named for the DPW building, but Gingrich said it was just a plan to move, with no details or even a timeline set. She described the points identified as opportunities for the town to be proactive for the sake of the environment. The board approved the plan.

Then, Elderly Services Director Terri Marciello and Fire Lieutenant Ryan Quigley talked about an initiative to provide winter sand and salt for seniors, called "Sand for Seniors." Quigley said that he got the idea from a conference in September and partnered with the senior center to bring it to Wilmington.

He instructed any resident over the age of 60 who would have trouble purchasing sand and salt themselves, or going to pick it up from the DPW, to call the senior center and the fire department would deliver it for them.

Marciello mentioned that Quigley had reached out to Ace Hardware who had agreed to donate 25 buckets and scoops for residents, which they would extend to 40 based on the response. Quigley added that the fire department receives a yearly grant to help pay for programs like this. One other plus he

noted is that while the fire department is making deliveries, they could ask residents if they have any concerns and possibly catch issues like fire hazards.

DePalma commented, "This could be saving someone from a severe injury."

The board thanked the pair for their departments' joint efforts and shared their full support.

The communications from Town Manager Jeff Hull started with a final decision coming soon on the new Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director. He also sent all the different deadlines coming up to set up the special Town Meeting on March 8 for community support with the MSBA process for a new Wildwood School. In the site assignment process for the solid waste disposal facility, he said they were reviewing site suitability and moving forward soon.

His last note was about the necessity of the board to approve a license for the electric vehicle stations granted by Reading Municipal Light Department. O'Connell spoke up later to say that she wasn't comfortable with RMLD paying for the law services required, given that K. P. Law would have a con-

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Wilmington High senior Audrey Curdo to perform in The Nutcracker with North Atlantic Ballet

BEVERLY — Audrey Curdo, a senior at Wilmington High School, and one of the girls varsity soccer team captains, will reprise the role of Clara in The Nutcracker with North Atlantic Ballet this coming weekend. The ballet production will take place at the Cabot Theater in Beverly. Tickets can be purchased through The Cabot box office or Ticketmaster. More information can be found at thecabot.org.

Curdo has often been asked if ballet is a sport. Her answer to this is always, "Yes, of course. Dancers need to have the leg strength of a soccer player, the balance of a hockey player, the grace of an equestrian, the core strength of a gymnast and the planning of a quarterback. I'm still trying to determine if I'm an athletic artist or an artistic ath-

lete."

Curdo has been dancing for 14 years with most of her training at Wilmington Dance Academy. She has danced competitively for 10 years. Portraying the role of Clara is an aspiration of many ballerinas. She is so very excited to be given the chance to do this for a second time, especially during her senior year.

North Atlantic Ballet (NAB) is a vibrant New England-based ballet company creating original works of art, invigorating audiences with a new experience in the ballet world. The collaborations with dancers, choreographers, musicians and visual artists within the community keeps their art form fresh.

Formally known as North Atlantic Dance Theater, NAB has a mis-

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Curdo takes the stage this weekend

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sion to bring ballet into the 21st-century, keeping it relevant and enjoyable for peo-

ple of all walks of life. Their creative performances inspire audiences to delve into another world even if for only a short time.

Audrey will be portraying the role of Clara for the Friday (Dec. 17) and Sunday (Dec. 19) performances.



Congratulations Terry McDermott!

Wilmington Historic Commission Chair Bonnie Smith (left) presents Terry McDermott with a photo of the Harnden Tavern. Terry recently retired from her role for the last 15 years as Wilmington's Historical Coordinator. Terry's family and friends were present along with Town Manager Jeff Hull and past and present members of the Wilmington Historical Commission to wish her a healthy and long-lasting retirement and to thank her for a job well done.

(courtesy photo)



Santa and crew hit Wilmington streets

Members of the Wilmington community came together for the Santa parade. The parade, sponsored by the Wilmington Police, Fire, and DPW visited every neighborhood in town on a recent Sunday.

(Paige Impink photo).

Wilmington Library News:

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Many employees during the COVID-19 pandemic are asking: TO WHICH STATE MUST I PAY INCOME TAX?

During the pandemic, many of us have undergone changes in our work locations. Potentially affected are employees who resided in State A and commuted to work in State B before the pandemic but are now working remotely in State A. Also affected are employees who lived and worked in the same state prior to the pandemic but temporarily relocated to another state to work remotely. Their employers have concerns, too. Employers have state income tax withholding obligations. Equally significant, if the employer does not otherwise have a physical or economic presence in a state where employees are working remotely, is the employer now subject to income tax in that state? And while this might seem to be a "temporary" problem, it may not be — particularly if (as many suspect) remote work continues to increase post-pandemic.

Out-of-State Commuters

Working From Home During Pandemic

An individual's state of residence can tax all of the individual's income irrespective of where the income is earned, but the individual is generally allowed a credit for income taxes paid to other states. Thus, if an individual lives in State A but commutes to work in State B, both states may impose income tax on the individual's income earned in State B. State A will then allow the individual to claim a credit for the income taxes paid to State B. Will State B continue to tax the individual (and require the employer to withhold) if the individual no longer continues to commute to work but instead works from home in State A during the pandemic?

Most states have not yet addressed this question.

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Adult Programs

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1:1 Tech Help

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 10 a.m. Technology Librarian Brad McKenna will help you with device issues or answer technology related questions in this one-on-one tech help session. Register for this one hour session online or call the

library.

INDOOR

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2 p.m. Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Drop in the library to see if we can help.

HYBRID

Social Justice

Book Group

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. This group continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Copies of the book are available at the library's main desk.

Featured Book: An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz. Chapters for this meeting: Chapters 4-6

Youth Programs

VIRTUAL

Pajama Jam

Monday, Dec. 20, 6:30 p.m. Join the fabulous Bernadette Baird for interactive music and movement. Ages 0-4

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Registration is required for most in-person programs. If a program is outdoors and inclement weather is forecast, the program may be held inside the library. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are required inside Town buildings regardless of vaccination status.

WML Virtual

Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmingtonlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

Library Closure

The library will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Dec. 25.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

LAST CHANCE FOR WCTV WINTER WONDERLAND GREETING CARDS!

There's still time for you to stop by and pick up your pack of specially crafted greeting cards at WCTV. These beautiful cards were created by local artists that depict the

town of Wilmington as a WINTER WONDERLAND! One set of 5 cards = \$15, Two sets of cards = \$25, Three sets of cards = \$32. Cash or check accepted. These keepsake cards feature the Artwork and Photography of WCTV's Don Leard, Wilmington's Niki Jamieson, Wilmington's Kenneth Ward, Jamie Boudreau & Ashley Nicole Martin. To order, email Lisa Kapala at: lisa@wctv.org or call WCTV to

stop by and pick up your set at (978) 657-4066.

Meetings covered by WCTV:

Monday, Dec. 20, Town/School Building Committee 7 p.m. LIVE!

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History:

All they wanted was a Christmas tree farm

...and a gravel permit

By LARZ F. NEILSON

You'd have to admit, Lee Chisholm was persistent. He started a Christmas tree farm in the northern reaches of Wilmington, and in 1974, he sought a permit to remove about 25,000 yards of gravel. The selectmen repeatedly turned him down.

"Why are you back?" asked George Boylen when Chisholm came before the board for the sixth time, on Sept. 13, 1976.

Boylen said they had been friends for a number of years, but that Chisholm was straining that friendship.

Chisholm lived on Ando-

ver Street, with his house fronting on Foster's Pond. He first came to Foster's Pond in 1910 and had been a Wilmington resident since the early 1930s. He and his son owned about five acres of land, zoned rural, on Foster's Pond Road.

Leland Chisholm, Jr. had bought the land from the Foster's ment Association in 1951, thinking he would eventually build a home there. However, he became a landscape architect and city planner and settled in Connecticut.

Under the terms of sale, if he ever sold it, he would sell it back to the association at cost plus taxes. In



25 years, though, the land value had appreciated to a point where a sale under those terms would no longer be reasonable.

Because the land was

zoned rural (60,000 s.f. lots), subdividing it would yield three houselots. Had it been zoned residential, (22,500 s.f. lots) there would have possibly been nine. So they

turned to the definition of rural property and started a farm, a Christmas tree farm.

They leveled much of the property, digging away a hill. Without a permit to remove the gravel, piled the gravel in one corner. They then planted 3,000 trees, Scotch pine and Douglas fir on the leveled area.

Leland Chisholm Jr. said the level ground, five feet above the water table, would greatly reduce the runoff of fertilizer.

There was opposition to the gravel removal from some Andover residents living nearby. Foster's Pond road begins in Wilming-

ton, and, as one might deduce, leads to Foster's Pond, much of which is in Andover.

The Foster's Pond Improvement Association had conducted a similar gravel operation on abutting property in 1975, purportedly for a playground. The playground, though, was never built.

The Chisholms tried again in 1978. There was a different Board of Selectmen with three new members. This time, the board granted a permit to remove the gravel.

Governor Baker signs \$4B federal COVID-19 relief funding spending bill

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker signed a \$4 billion spending plan to support continued recovery across key priority areas, making substantial investments in housing and homeownership, healthcare, workforce development, premium pay for essential workers and infrastructure. The funding, first proposed by the Baker-Polito Administration in June of 2021, will put to work a portion of the Commonwealth's direct federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

"The pandemic has had a significant impact on Massachusetts workers, families, communities, and businesses for nearly two years, and today's signing directs billions of dollars in relief toward those hardest hit across the Commonwealth," said Governor Charlie Baker. "While this package falls far short of the investment I called for to address the housing shortage, the important investments included in this bill will help to accelerate Massachusetts' economic recovery and provide long-lasting benefits

to infrastructure, healthcare, education systems, and small businesses."

"The funding allocated in this bill addresses critical areas of need across the Commonwealth, from addiction services to housing availability to environmental infrastructure," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "This relief will play a crucial role in the ongoing recovery of our residents and communities, especially those disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and we are eager to put it to work."

The bill authorizes up to \$2.55 billion in spending from the \$5.286 billion ARPA Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds provided to Massachusetts in May 2021. This direct federal aid is intended to support urgent COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address unequal public health and economic challenges in Massachusetts cities and towns. After accounting for spending in this bill and previously announced commit-

ments, approximately \$2.3 billion of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds will remain to be further appropriated.

"The Commonwealth has worked diligently over the past two years to deploy billions worth of federal support to strengthen our economic recovery, support those in disproportionately impacted communities, and get people back to work," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. "We appreciate the collaboration of our colleagues in the Legislature on this bill to invest in healthcare, housing, and the Massachusetts workforce and look forward to even more critical investments in 2022 with the remaining ARPA funds."

Coupled with the authorized ARPA dollars, \$1.45 billion in spending is appropriated from the Transitional Escrow Fund, made up of state fiscal year 2021 surplus funds. The bill assigns the Secretary of Administration and Finance the responsibility of matching expenditures to the most appropriate funding source,

which provides important flexibility in recognition of the significant federal rules and regulations associated with federal funds.

Highlights of the plan include:

Housing

- \$150 million to finance the statewide production of housing for various populations, including seniors and veterans;
- \$150 million for public housing maintenance;
- \$115 million for rental housing production and to provide increased housing options to residents of disproportionately impacted communities;
- \$115 million to support housing production in disproportionately impacted communities through MassHousing's Commonwealth Builder Program and similar efforts;
- \$65 million to support expanded homeownership opportunities, focused on first-time homebuyers who are residents of disproportionately impacted communities.

Health Care

- \$400 million for addiction treatment and related

behavioral health services, workforce, and infrastructure;

- \$260 million for fiscally stressed hospitals in disproportionately impacted municipalities;
- \$200 million for local and regional public health, including local boards of health staffing, technology, and training;
- \$50 million for workforce retention and capital improvements at nursing facilities and \$30 million to support loan repayment, retention, and recruitment programs for human service workers;
- \$37.5 million for grants to reduce juvenile delinquency, youth homelessness, and summer jobs.

Workforce Development

- \$500 million to support the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund;
- \$500 million for premium pay for low-income essential workers;
- \$107.5 million for workforce and career technical skills training;
- \$24.5 million for workforce development and capital grants to YMCAs and Boys & Girls clubs.

Economic Development

- \$135 million to support cultural facilities and tourism assets throughout Massachusetts;
- \$75 million for grants to small businesses, \$50

million of which will go to businesses reaching underserved markets and minority, women, and veteran owned businesses. \$25 million will be reserved for small businesses that did not qualify for prior programs.

Infrastructure Investment

- \$100 million to fund grants for water and sewer infrastructure improvements;
- \$100 million to improve culverts, dams, and other environmental infrastructure;
- \$90 million for marine port development;
- \$50 million to close the digital divide and increase broadband internet access;
- \$44.8 million for food security;
- \$25 million for green gateway cities.

Education

- \$105 million for a variety of education supports, including recovery grants to state universities and community colleges, workforce support for special education schools, and support for recruiting educators of color;
- \$100 million for public school district HVAC grants;
- \$100 million for capital grants to vocational high schools and career technical education programs.

Baker-Polito Administration issues guidance to address staffing capacity challenges

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration, working closely with the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association (MHA), announced additional efforts to provide hospitals with necessary flexibility to ensure sufficient acute care capacity. The Commonwealth's healthcare system is facing a critical staffing shortage which has contributed to the loss of approximately 500 medical/surgical and ICU hospital beds. Hospitals are also seeing a high level of patients, mostly due to non-COVID related reasons.

On Nov. 23, the Department of Public Health (DPH) released guidance to hospitals to reduce certain non-essential, elective services and procedures by 30 percent. Today, DPH released updates to that guidance to further reduce certain non-essential, elective services and procedures by 50 percent, effective Dec. 15, 2021.

In order to assure hospital inpatient capacity, the Department of Public Health (DPH) also issued

a COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Order that provides hospitals flexibility with respect to ICU nursing staff ratios and guidance that permits hospitals to create capacity in alternate spaces.

"The Commonwealth's hospitals continue to face significant challenges due to staffing shortages," said Secretary Marylou Suders. "Today's actions will help alleviate pressures by providing hospitals with staffing flexibility in order to reopen inpatient capacity in licensed and alternate space not currently being utilized."

"Our healthcare community remains under tremendous pressure, and these flexibilities will provide hospitals with additional tools to remain nimble and accessible as they navigate the weeks ahead. MHA and our members are grateful for the ongoing coordination with the Baker-Polito Administration, which has empowered healthcare organizations to respond in real-time and with swift action

over the past 21 months. Patients should know that their hospitals and care teams are there for them, just as they have been over the course of the pandemic," said Steve Walsh, President & CEO of the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association.

The order and guidance issued provides additional tools to support acute care hospitals facing critical workforce and capacity constraints.

Added flexibility relative to staffing ratios will allow hospitals to redirect ICU nurses to other inpatient beds, currently not being utilized due to staffing constraints as well as to staff roles that help to reduce or prevent hospitalizations. To ensure patient safety and quality of care, hospitals and hospital systems implementing these flexibilities will be required to meet certain criteria as outlined in the Order and guidance to determine safe ICU staffing levels.

To assure capacity, DPH released updates to alter-

nate care space guidance, giving hospitals flexibility to:

- use licensed and unlicensed space for non-invasive outpatient care (previously, this was limited to COVID-19 vaccination, flu vaccination, and monoclonal antibody therapy administration)
- use alternate licensed inpatient spaces to care for medical/surgical and ICU adult patients through March 31, 2022. Without this action, this flexibility would have expired on Dec. 31, 2021.

To learn more about this guidance, go to COVID-19 Public Health Guidance and Directives for Health Care Organizations.

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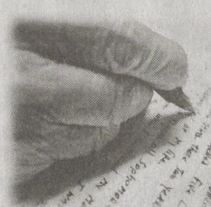
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Letters to the editor

Seniors disappointed in Board of Selectmen in regard to senior center project

Dear editor,

About a month ago, I wrote that the site selection for the senior center and town hall/school administration building had been chosen, unanimously, at a joint meeting of the Senior Center Building Committee and the Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee, which included two members of the Board of Selectmen (Sept. 15, 2021).

Despite that vote, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) has delayed telling the architects to begin their design process because of various reasons, most of which centered on not having enough information.

This,

- Despite a two-year lapse since we made a presentation to the BOS (on Dec. 16, 2019) identifying the reasons why a new senior center was needed;
- Despite a promise from the BOS that the senior center would go before the town hall;
- Despite the fact that in that time in which we visited five senior centers in other towns to get an opinion of advantages and disadvantages of various buildings and an idea of plans;
- Despite the fact that a dedicated group of senior volunteers spent at least 40 man-hours poring over the recommended programmatic needs and square footage of a new building;
- Despite a survey completed by the seniors on their vision for a new center in October of 2021;
- Despite a near unanimous vote at the 2020 annual Town Meeting to approve a feasibility study for the new senior center;
- Despite a walking tour of the site adjacent to St. Dorothy's which occurred on Nov. 29, 2021, to which the general public was invited;
- Despite two thorough presentations from the architects, the second of which, held on Nov. 30, 2021, where the Senior Center Building Committee voted 5-2 vote in favor of the St. Dorothy's site for the senior center and which was supported by the 40 plus seniors in attendance at that meeting;

No decision is forthcoming from the BOS!

The discussion has now devolved into who gets the St. Dorothy's site — town

hall/school administration building or the senior center. It is proposed by members of the BOS that the seniors can have the present town hall site.

However, we must wait for the old town hall to be torn down (an estimated 2-3 additional years) for the new senior center, increasing construction costs. Even if the senior center is built on that site while the town hall is still in use, there is no guarantee it would receive an occupancy permit. The demolition of the old town hall will also raise the project costs.

Many of us who have fervently espoused the new senior center will not be alive if that total time of construction is 4-5 years.

Are we frustrated at being pawns? You betcha!

And now we hear that the town manager wants to link the two projects into one warrant article at a Town Meeting in the fall. In other words, the BOS believes that the town hall project cannot stand on its own merits!

When the seniors voted at past Town Meetings, they have supported the building of the middle school, the high school and the Public Safety Building. We understand the current school admin building (the Roman House) is deficient (non-ADA compliant).

We understand the town hall is full and some workers must maintain offices off-site. Yet, the BOS doesn't trust that the seniors will vote for the new town hall/school admin building, unless they hold the new senior center project hostage.

It is up to the BOS to do their job and convince the taxpayers that a new town hall is needed. Let each proposed building stand on its own merits.

Let's go back to the unanimous vote of Sept. 15, 2021 and the subsequent vote of Nov. 30, 2021, and put the senior center at St. Dorothy's. Build the town hall/school administration building at the Swain site (our town center) and keep them as two separate warrant articles.

Now it is our turn. If you have an opinion, please voice it! The BOS can be reached via email at selectmen@wilmingtonma.gov

Respectfully submitted,
Susanne Clarkin

Support local merchants

Conversations for many hard after pandemic time alone

By PAUL J. ANDREWS

While we are not talking science here, we are looking at perception and many folks are talking about how difficult it is to go back to a life of meeting people in offices or just in passing on the sidewalks or in stores. Many say that "it just seems strange to see and talk to someone in person." Certainly, this is not the case for everyone, as many folks have no problem adjusting to the change.

During the pandemic, most folks found themselves working from home and captured by Zoom calls or other online needs without actually finding themselves in real face-to-face conversations. While this is just the way it was, many folks found the situation strange but tolerable by necessity.

In the early spring of the year and before the surge of late summer, many folks returned to a partial life like they used to have with in-person meetings and visiting the stores for errands. Many folks still found the situation difficult to mask or not mask, to shake hands or not, to stop and talk to someone or to just say hello.

Inside this mix, some folks found that carrying on a conversation that made sense was either strange, difficult or impossible with many saying they were out of practice. This did seem to improve over time in the summer just in time for the surge and once again some changes came on the horizon. So is conversation a learned habit that has to be practiced to keep? Smarter people in education and psychology can weigh in on this question.

LOCAL MERCHANTS need your support at this time of the year as our people head to the stores for those important Christmas or holiday gifts. The local merchants and employees are there all year to offer their support or to do some research on items desired by our people for a whole host of important dates in a year.

With the pandemic these local merchants have been impacted greatly financially and are just beginning to see signs of recovery but need the support of holiday shoppers to continue to make headway. Realistically, this will take some time to accomplish but is possible

for many with local support of our citizens.

What I have found is that most local merchants have computer access to merchandise desired by customers and are more that willing to assist in working with customers to find what they are seeking.

SOME MORNING PULSE EXTRACTIONS include the following: What is shrinkflation which is the way manufacturers are raising prices (smaller packages and same prices as original); Delta variant and high gas prices promoted reconsideration for many summer vacations; Only half of American households donate to charities; Google and Facebook will require vaccinations for employees for return to the office; Dementia cases will triple worldwide by 2050; Women collected dead father's Social Security benefits for 10 years, charges allege; Homebuyers turn to baby-boomer parents to help with purchases; Donations should reach working charities and not sit in tax shelters; A gift to your survivors: Getting your affairs in order now; Arizona didn't see exodus of teachers

during the pandemic; HR leaders face plenty of change and uncertainty; Financial Advisor's enthusiasm for annuities is growing; World's biggest food companies say prices are going even higher; Meeting the challenges of an aging society; Baby-boomers have the most real estate wealth; Family offices should start behaving like regulated entities; Some California homeowners in fire-prone areas face steep insurance increases; 22-year-old healthcare worker gets COVID-19 diagnosis between vaccinations; Some life insurance companies are promising discounts if you let them track how you exercise and eat; Venture capital investments in mental health boomed in the past year; Report shows students fell behind during the pandemic, says the Education Secretary, but they are catching up; Artificial Intelligence may find signs of Alzheimer's in Neuroimaging data; Social Security judges must resolve 500-700 disputes per year; and Vermont NEA encourages state to invest in pension system with federal pandemic dollars.

Baker-Polito Administration announces 2.1M at-home COVID tests for 102 high needs communities

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced plans to increase access to at home COVID-19 test kits for residents across the Commonwealth. The Administration secured 2.1 million iHealth Labs over-the-counter (OTC) at-home rapid antigen tests that will be delivered to 102 towns with the highest percentage of families below the poverty level.

These free tests will be available for distribution to the public by each municipality, with an emphasis on increasing access for individuals and families who are facing financial hardship.

"With the holidays approaching, we encourage residents to utilize rapid tests as a convenient way to keep family members and friends safe at gatherings," said Governor Charlie Baker. "While these tests are widely available at many pharmacies and retail locations across the Commonwealth, we are making it even easier for residents to get free rapid testing through these initiatives."

"Massachusetts has developed a nation-leading testing infrastructure, with free testing available across the Commonwealth," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Increasing access to these free OTC rapid antigen test kits will serve as another tool to combat COVID-19."

While the initial 2.1 million OTC rapid antigen

tests will be distributed to 102 high-need communities across the Commonwealth, the Administration is finalizing plans to allow municipalities and other public entities to directly purchase tests from test manufacturers at fixed, state-negotiated prices. The Administration posted a procurement opportunity on Friday, Dec. 10 for manufacturers, and municipalities will be able to order in January 2022.

The Administration will provide more details on how municipalities can procure these tests later in the coming weeks. Municipalities are able to utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding, as well as Federal COVID-19 Relief funding to purchase the rapid antigen test kits.

At-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits are a fast, easy and convenient way to test for COVID-19. In addition to the Administration providing iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits and allowing municipalities to directly purchase tests, residents can visit local pharmacies or order online to purchase rapid test kits on their own, as needed.

Massachusetts performs more COVID tests than almost any other state in the country thanks to the hundreds of existing testing locations across the Commonwealth, including 38 free state sponsored Stop the Spread testing

sites. Residents can continue to access these COVID testing sites during the holidays. All testing sites are listed here: [Mass.gov/get-tested](https://www.mass.gov/get-tested).

How these communities were selected:

The 102 municipalities in the Commonwealth with the highest proportion of families at or below the poverty level are receiving iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits in this initial distribution. All 20 of the Commonwealth's most disproportionately impacted equity communities were included by these criteria. In total, the 102 municipalities account for nearly 3.7 million Massachusetts residents.

iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits will start to be delivered to the eligible communities this week by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, in partnership with the Massachusetts National Guard. Tests will be distributed proportionally across the 102 communities based on the proportion of families living at or below the poverty level within their respective communities.

While each city or town will be able to determine how best to distribute tests

within their community municipalities are asked to prioritize those most in need, allocating equitably and at locations accessible to individuals and families who are determined to be in high need and as quickly as possible during the holiday season.

The Commonwealth is paying \$5 per test. All tests come in packs of two. The tests can be completed in 15 minutes without the need to send a sample to a laboratory; a mobile phone or computer is not needed for any part of the test. Individuals two years of age and up can use the tests regardless of vaccination status or whether or not they have symptoms.

CDC last week issued guidance on self-tests like the iHealth tests, with information on when to consider self-testing, how to complete the tests, and how to react to a positive or negative result.

COVID-19 rapid tests are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, that can protect individuals by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

For detailed information on testing, visit [mass.gov/gettested](https://www.mass.gov/gettested).

Book Stew Review

'The Liar's Dictionary' by Eley Williams

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

My favorite quirky book

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of 2021 features alternating chapters of an intense love of language by a young woman and a young man, taking place in two different centuries.

In the modern day, Mallory is an intern at a publisher that is known only for a never-completed dictionary, and back in 1899, Peter Winceworth is one of many lexicographers at work on that same book, but he has decided to add his own words and definitions to the publication.

In the now, Mallory is charged with finding Peter's false words and eradicating them, and, back in the then, Peter has fallen in love with the fiancé of an obnoxious scion of the publishing house.

There are some amusing intertwining between the characters and the generations, and the most intensely lovely and clever wordplay imaginable. If you enjoy the study of English, this novel will be a true joy and an amazing source of new Scrabble words (real or not).

Quote: "It occurred to me that I might be fired. From a cannon, in a kiln, from a job."

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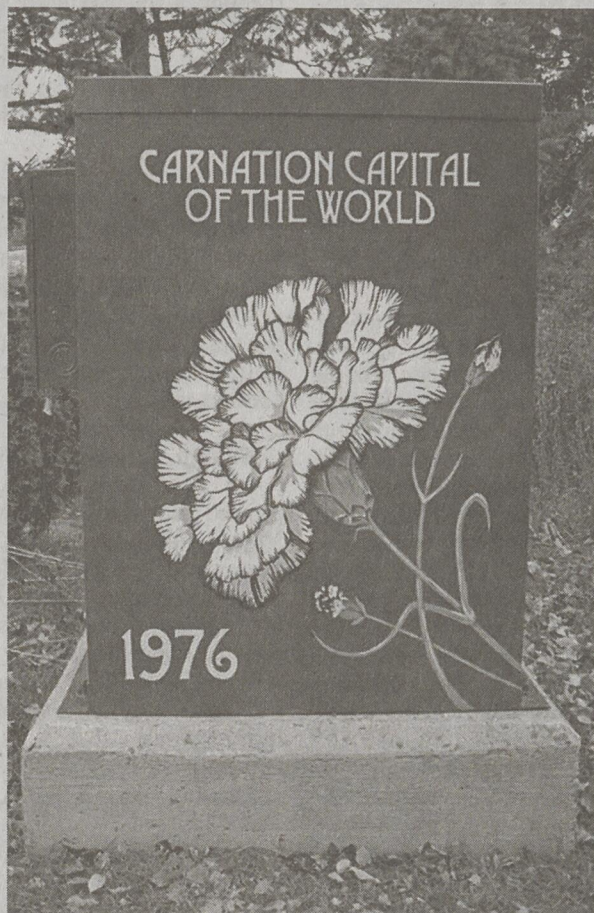


Tewksbury switchbox art project call for entries

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Beautification Committee invites Tewksbury artists and residents to participate in the Tewksbury Switchbox Art Project. This project is open to Tewksbury residents and students ages 15 and up for the purpose of promoting public art in the community while celebrating the past, present, and future of Tewksbury.

The switchboxes will provide a large metal canvas for artwork that will enhance the town's public spaces while celebrating Tewksbury's history, culture, and beauty. A stipend of \$150 will be awarded to assist with the cost of supplies needed to properly execute this project. The traffic signal at Chandler and East Streets is the available box.

The theme of the Switchbox Art Project is Tewksbury: Past, Present, Future. Artwork can be representational or abstract but must be appropriate to the theme and suitable for a public audience. Interested residents may submit their com-



plete application with full colored designs, to the Tewksbury Beautification Committee via mail or email for review. Link to application and guidelines can be found on the Town of Tewks-

bury website www.tewksbury-ma.gov/tewksbury-beautification-committee. Mail: Tewksbury Beautification Committee c/o Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876

2021 dog licenses available in Tewksbury

TEWKSBURY — Tewksbury Town Clerk Denise Graffeo reminds dog owners it is that time of the year when all dogs (six months of age or over) must be licensed. The license is valid for one calendar year (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) and must be renewed annually. Dog license renewals are due by March 15, after which late fees will be assessed.

Dogs six months of age or older that are new to town must be licensed within 30 days and may be licensed at any time throughout the year without incurring a late fee.

Licensing fees are as follows:

Jan. 1 - March 15
• Spayed or neutered - \$15
• Not spayed or neutered - \$20

March 16 - July 1
• Spayed or neutered - \$20
• Not spayed or neutered - \$25

July 2 - Dec. 31
• Spayed or neutered - \$30
• Not spayed or neutered - \$35

A dog owner applying for a license shall be obligated to pay all outstanding dog license fees relating to the past licensing period (2020) and any outstanding violation notices. A current Rabies Certificate as well as a Certificate of Spaying or Neutering must be presented before a dog license may be issued, unless currently on file in this office.

If in doubt, contact 978-640-4355 or email town-clerk@tewksbury-ma.gov. For your convenience, you may prefer to license

your dog online or by mail. Once received, town clerk staff will print and mail the license and tag.

If licensing by mail, please include:

- License fee
- Current Rabies Certificate (unless currently on file)
- Certificate of Spaying or Neutering, if applicable (unless currently on file)
- A self-addressed stamped envelope

Mail to:
Town Clerk
Town Hall
1009 Main Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Dog license applications may be obtained on the Town of Tewksbury website at the following link: <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/dog-license-information>

ed for all, but are not provided by the rink. Limited to 30 skaters, no reservations required. Children \$3, adults \$5. Skate rental \$5.

Don't forget the many holiday light displays in nearby communities. Billerica has loads of lights including on Pratt Street and Shawsheen Road. The big light display on Rockvale Road in Tewksbury has been retired. Lowell.Macaronikid.com has a great list.

Lowell's Luna Theater is open again for films at Mill No. 5. See It's A Wonderful Life on the big screen on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 2:30 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. Lunalowell.com

Donations for MSPCA Nevins Farm are being collected at TMHS this week. All donations must be in by Friday, Dec. 17 to the high school. Items needed include: fleece blankets, cat toy assortments, cat tree with platform, Milk Bones, Fancy Feast cat food, Iams cat food, canned or dry non-prescription dog food, grocery gift cards to buy food. A donation box is in the lobby of the school.

Dec. 17, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Practice ice skating during Public Skate at the Janas Ice Rink, 382 Douglas Road, Lowell. Skate rentals available for \$5 (first come first served). Please call ahead to check on schedule changes. Helmets are recommend-

OBITUARIES

Charles B. 'Chuckie' O'Connell Self-employed carpenter for many years

Charles B. O'Connell, fondly known as "Chuckie" to his family and friends, of Gilmanton, NH, formerly a long-time resident of Lexington, Wilmington, and Biddeford, ME, passed away unexpectedly at home on Dec. 5, 2021, at the age of 51.

Chuckie was born in Winchester on Sept. 27, 1970; he was the cherished son of the late Leo P. Jr. and Marie T. (Baldwin) O'Connell. Chuckie was part of a large and loving family who were brought up in Wilmington and Lexington.

He graduated from Lexington High School with the Class of 1988 before moving back to Wilmington.

Chuckie made many lifelong friends wherever he was; he was just "that guy" that everyone wanted to be around.

Chuckie was a hard worker and talented carpenter throughout his adult life; he was always helping someone with a construction project whether it was an addition, a quick fix or a complete house. Chuckie was self-employed for many years; he had great customer service skills and his work was meticulous.

More recently he worked for Beckwith Marine Construction Company where he struck up many friends with his co-workers.

Chuckie loved the outdoors which began by spending his childhood summers at his grandparent's cottage in Buzzell Cove on Lake Winnepesaukee. He enjoyed heading out with family and friends on their snow mobiles, skiing, boating, and four-wheeling.

He just loved being in the nature of New Hampshire and Maine; the beauty of their lakes and mountains as well as the sight of the American Bald Eagle soaring in the skies.

Family was very important to Chuckie; the youngest of nine siblings and undoubtedly the "Fun Uncle" to his many nieces, nephews, and their kids. Chuckie looked forward to countless family parties and gatherings not only with his family, but with his large extended family of O'Connell's, Baldwin's, Lynch's, Nolan's and Cushing's, throughout the years.

The family home on Hunt Road had an "open door policy" for family and friends; it was always bustling with people and his mom Marie was at the helm cooking up a storm.

Chuckie also looked forward to his weekends in Maine, whether it was with his family, his friends or his girlfriend Audra and her family; everyone always had a lot of fun.

Chuckie will be fondly remembered for his beautiful smile, his infectious laugh, his love of animals, especially people's dogs, and his ability to help everyone and see the good in others. He loved his family and friends unconditionally and will forever be in the hearts of those he touched.

Chuckie was the beloved son of the late Leo and Marie O'Connell, dear brother of Leo P. O'Connell III and his wife Lucille of Laconia, NH, Daniel R. O'Connell and his wife Carol of Seabrook, NH, the late David D. O'Connell and his



late wife Anne of Lynn, Kathleen M. Galeno of Georgetown, the late Nancy E. Roberts and husband David formerly of Maine, Marie T. O'Connell of Middleborough, the late Darlene O'Connell Fleming of Maine, and John J. O'Connell and his wife Amy of Gilmanton, NH.

Chuckie was the "Loving and Fun Uncle" to his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He is further survived by his girlfriend, Audra Fournell, of Maine, as well as his many cousins and friends.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 4 - 7 p.m. A Celebration of Chuckie's life will take place at the Funeral Home on Friday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. followed by his interment in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Chuckie's memory to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Waltham, MA 02451.

www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Kelley initiated into Omicron Delta Kappa

LEXINGTON, VA — Alexa Kelley, a native of Tewksbury, was recently initiated into the Bryant University Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. The Society welcomed more than 1,100 new initiates from 41 universities during November 2021.

Students initiated into the Society must be sophomores, juniors, seniors, or graduate/professional students in the top 35% of their class, demonstrate leadership experience in at least one of the five pillars, and

embrace the ODK ideals. Fewer than five percent of students on a campus are invited to join each year.

Omicron Delta Kappa Society, the National Leadership Honor Society, was founded in Lexington, Virginia, on Dec. 3, 1914. A group of 15 students and faculty members established the Society to recognize and encourage leadership at the collegiate level.

The founders established the ODK Idea-the concept that individuals representing all phases of collegiate life should

collaborate with faculty and others to support the campus and community. ODK's mission is to honor and develop leaders; encourage collaboration among students, faculty, staff, and alumni; and promote ODK's leadership values of collaboration, inclusivity, integrity, scholarship, and service on college and university campuses throughout North America.

The Society's national headquarters are located in Lexington, Virginia.

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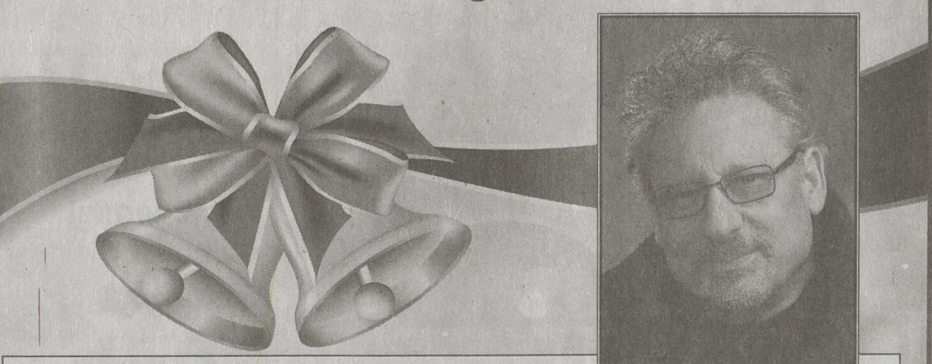
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Tewksbury Police Log

New Jersey man arrested for drug possession following reported four car accident

Monday, December 6

12:44 a.m. - A 911 hang up at Davis Road. On call back, they spoke with a male who stated it was an accident. Police sent and they confirmed accidental.

11:39 a.m. - Carlos Morales, 20, of 72 West 4th St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, a warrant for low assault and battery family, a warrant for low vandalize property, a warrant for low assault and battery on a police officer, and a warrant for low unlicensed operation.

8:01 p.m. - A 911 caller requested an officer to respond to Oak Street after she received an alert on her mother's Ring camera. Police sent. Caller was able to get in touch with her mother. The door on her house was opened by the wind. Officer confirmed.

Tuesday, December 7

1:29 a.m. - A 911 call from Motel 6 female reported

an unwanted person. Police sent. On further questioning, it was determined the caller didn't believe the male was involved in a medical earlier in the night, just a misunderstanding. Officer filed a report.

9:02 a.m. - Caller reported damage to their community garden overnight at Tewksbury Public Library. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

11:58 a.m. - Passerby in Motel 6 area reported he witnessed a male party yelling at a female in the parking lot. Caller reported the two individuals in question entered room 154. Police sent. Hector Rodriguez, 58, of 143 South Union St. in Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a warrant for law operation after suspicious, a warrant for lawn threats, and a warrant for having license suspended.

1:02 p.m. - Police out at Main Street for incident. Alexander Roy, 33, of 56 Margin St. in Salem, was arrested and charged with trespassing and resist ar-

rest. Shayne Decesare, 55, of 56 Margin St. in Salem, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Wednesday, December 8

11:11 a.m. - Proprietor at Alfresco's Restaurant thought there was a suspicious vehicle parked behind his property. After further checking, it belonged to an employee. No action required.

7:59 p.m. - Caller reported what she believed were three gunshots toward North Street near 495. Police sent but nothing was found.

Thursday, December 9

3:09 p.m. - Loss prevention from Home Depot reported a male left the building with items. Caller stated he was now complying. Police sent. Christopher Politis, 49, of 52 Whitman Road in Waltham, was arrested and charged with larceny under \$1,200 and straight warrant for license suspended.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver at

Livingston Street. Caller described the vehicle as a white Lexus SUV. Police sent. They checked the area and reported gone on arrival.

Friday, December 10

8:40 a.m. - Caller reported two individuals were going door-to-door asking for a ride to Maine at Hames Street. Female and male both caucasian. Male wore a black leather jacket and carrying a small brown and white dog. Female has long black hair and wearing pajama type pants. Another caller reported the couple stated someone was trying to kill them and they needed help getting home. Police sent. Wilmington and Billerica police departments contacted to be on the lookout at their respective train stations for the party. All units cleared. The officer would continue to patrol area. Officer filed a report.

11:34 a.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle drove erratically at the area of South Street and Bemis Circle. Police sent. Officer saw vehicle head-

ing down South Street. Officer with the vehicle and identified the operator.

6:09 p.m. - Male in the lobby reported that he was being extorted by his wife that he was going through a divorce with at Ames Hill Drive. Police were tied up on calls. Party advised to wait in the lobby. Officer assisted the party.

6:28 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic operator driving down South Street. Police sent. Vehicle in the driveway of the registered address of the the vehicle. Police attempted to make contact with.

6:39 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked on the road at Nightingale Lane. The operator was in the vehicle using his phone. The caller believed that was suspicious. Police and the ambulance sent. The operator was doing some work in his vehicle.

Saturday, December 11

12 a.m. - Caller reported a female in her yard attempted to steal Christmas decorations off her yard at Blease Drove. Police sent. After examining the ring camera footage, the police saw a dark colored SUV with a female in a sweatshirt and pants. Police filed a report.

7:04 a.m. - The employee from Vanity Beauty Lounge reported a car was left in their parking lot. There was a beer can outside the car. Police sent. The owner was located and removed the vehicle.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported loud noises either fighting or music at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. They spoke to those involved and cleared the area.

Sunday, December 12

1:56 a.m. - Police out at Main Street and Pike Street with a vehicle for suspicious activity. Police sent and reported vehicle checked out.

2:51 a.m. - Police out at Trull Brook Golf Course with two suspicious vehicles. They reported occupants were just walking.

11:50 a.m. - Multiple 911 callers reported four car motor vehicle accident at Whipple Road. Benjamin Kinney, 25, of 277 Old Tote Road in Mountainside, New Jersey, was arrested and charged with reckless operation of motor vehicle, possession of class B drugs, possession of class E drugs, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, and marked lanes violation.



Wilmington Police Log

Bonfire behind old town dump extinguished

Friday, December 3:

7:34 a.m.: Catalytic converters were reported stolen from a white 2014 Isuzu NPR and four white 2015 Isuzu NPRs on Ballardvale Street.

6:58 p.m.: A manager from McDonald's on Main Street reported that a group of four juvenile males were ripping up landscaping in front of the establishment. The group were on bicycles and reported as heading towards the direction of the Plaza. Police found the group at CVS where they claimed to have only hit the ground with a stick. The group was advised and McDonald's management

was advised on how to pursue a no trespass order.

Saturday, December 4:

10:14 a.m.: An employee of a chapel on West Street reported that bottles had been broken in the parking lot at some point overnight, with other broken bottles thrown into the stable of the chapel's Nativity scene. The employee requested a log entry and extra patrols, promising to report if anything was captured on security footage.

11:28 p.m.: A caller on Kilby Street and King Street reported that a male and female party were

fighting inside an older, black Jeep before the female got out and began hitting the vehicle, yelling about a stolen phone. The vehicle drove away and police searched the area, but were unable to find it.

Sunday, December 5:

3 a.m.: A clerk at Dunkin' Donuts on Lowell Street reported that a shoeless and possibly intoxicated woman was throwing things in the store, with food and the clerk's phone being taken and thrown. The woman then left in a white vehicle, but police were unable to locate it despite a partial plate number being given.

8:32 p.m.: A police officer on Main Street reported a bonfire, which was then located on the top of a hill behind the old town dump. The fire department was notified, putting out the blaze, as two male parties in a black 2010 Ford Escape and a black 2001 Chevy Silverado were advised. The gate to the area was secured.

Monday, December 6:

11:53 a.m.: Kerriann Ruocchio of 17 Water St. in Tewksbury was issued a summons for Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unregistered Motor Vehicle, and Speeding in Violation of Special Regulation. This followed an incident involving a green 2006 Chevy Equinox and a red 2015 Chevy Equinox on Salem Street in which a vehicle was towed and a license plate confiscated.

9:52 p.m.: A police officer on Glen Road and Middlesex Avenue reported that a transformer may

have gone out, as a flash was seen in the area. Power outages were reported on Horseshoe Lane, Kilby Street, Avalon Drive, Dorothy Avenue, Summer Street, Lockwood Road, Birchwood Road, Glen Road, Middlesex Avenue, and Wildwood Street.

Tuesday, December 7:

4:37 p.m.: A caller reported that broken glass debris and 2x4s were in the road at the intersection of Shawsheen Avenue and Hopkins Street due to a door in the roadway. DPW was notified, removing most of the wood debris in front of the Shawsheen School.

4:50 p.m.: A passerby on Ballardvale Street reported a motor vehicle collision between a car and a deer, with the vehicle continuing on without the witness getting a description or license plate. The deer was killed and removed from the roadway.

Wednesday, December 8:

8:44 a.m.: A police officer on Clark Street attempted to stop a green 2020 Freightliner tractor trailer that had just pulled down a Comcast wire,

which police coiled on the side of the road. When pulled over, the operator was unaware of what had happened, though the vehicle was minimally damaged. Comcast and the homeowner were notified.

9:23 a.m.: A caller on Grace Drive reported that their black 2008 Chevy Avalanche had been entered and that items had been displaced.

Thursday, December 9:

7:54 a.m.: Police reported that the red light on Ballardvale Street heading north towards Andover was staying red and causing traffic to back up on the highway. State Highway and Public Buildings were notified, with all concluding that the light was merely cycling oddly and skipping, but that it could not be reset until a pole missing following an accident was replaced.

8:17 a.m.: A party on Industrial Way reported that catalytic converters had been stolen overnight from three vehicles: a yellow 2009 Ford Econoline, a yellow 2004 Ford Econovan, and a yellow 2010 Econoline.



Little carollers at Tewksbury tree lighting

Local Girl Scouts, Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors took part in singing all your favorite Christmas Carols.

(photo: BruceHilliard.com)

Moulton, Trahan introduce legislation to protect service members' stored belongings

WASHINGTON — Months after Air Force Technical Sergeant Charles Cornacchio was deployed to the Middle East, he found out that the items he stored away in a Massachusetts-based storage facility had been sold and auctioned off to the highest bidder. Representatives Seth Moulton (D-MA) and Lori Trahan (D-MA) introduced a bill to raise the existing punishment for companies who sell service members' belongings.

If passed, this bill would hold storage facilities, towing companies, or other offenders accountable for knowingly disposing the property of a service member without a court order by elevating the consequences to the level of a felony with fines and up to three years imprisonment. Currently, companies can be charged with a misdemeanor subject to fines and the possibility of up to one year imprisonment.

"When service members like Charles volunteer to leave everything behind and serve abroad, the last thing they should have to worry about is whether or not their belongings will be sold to the highest bidder," said Congressman Moulton, the author of the bill. "Right now, companies like this one, consider the low risk of getting caught along with the fines and decide that the risks are worth it and that the fines are just a cost of doing business. This bill will raise the stakes to ensure that something like this never happens to our heroes again."

"While our service members risk their lives to defend us, separated from their communities and their loved ones, the least we can do is ensure they are treated with the respect they deserve," said Congresswoman Trahan. "What happened to Sergeant Cornacchio is unacceptable, and he's

not the only one who has been wronged like this. I'm proud to partner with Congressman Moulton to introduce this legislation to strengthen the penalties under the Servicemember Civil Relief Act. We owe it to our men and women in uniform to do everything possible to prevent their belongings being sold out from underneath them while they're risking their lives to protect our nation."

Specifically, this bill updates section 3958 of 50 U.S. Code, which amends the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Passing this bill will not only equip the Department of Justice with a broader range of tools to prosecute these cases, but it will also send a strong deterrent message to current and would-be offenders that these schemes that prey on our servicemembers will not be tolerated.

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Wilmington Town Crier's 27th annual:

Female Athlete of the Year: Celia Kulis

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WILMINGTON - In the previous 26 years that the Town Crier has chosen a Female Athlete of the Year, only twice has the high school senior at the time gone on to play at a Division 1 collegiate program, with Melissa Mather in 1997 as she played softball at UMaine and then Olivia Wingate in 2016 as she went on and just finished up her soccer career at University of Notre Dame.

In the 26 previous years, no athlete that we have chosen has gone on to compete in track-and-field at the Division 1 level, and more impressively, no athlete that we have chosen picked up their best sports for the very first time and gone on to be selected for our award. This year's selection is also the first female to go an entire calendar year without scoring a goal or a basket.

The fact that senior Celia Kulis started track this past March and recently signed her National Letter of Intent to continue in that sport at D-1 Holy Cross, also an incredible academic institution, is truly mindblowing.

Besides breaking two school records, winning the Middlesex League Championship title in the 100-meter hurdles, while she finished fourth at the sectionals and then seventh in the entire state in the pentathlon, while helping the outdoor track to its first ever league title, not to mention being named All-Conference in Field Hockey, are a few giant reasons why Kulis is this year's choice.

Her story in joining sports is pretty interesting. Before her freshman year, Celia's mother urged her to be active and to try a sport, so she chose field hockey. After her sophomore year, the first with varsity which earned her league all-star status, Celia wanted to join the outdoor track team only to stay in shape for field hockey, but the season got cancelled due to COVID-19.

She finally got that chance during the 'Indoor Season' which was actually held outdoors, and after immediately having success, that carried over to the official outdoor season where she collected all of that hardware.

And now, the sport that she tried out for just to stay in shape for her fall

sport that only her mother urged her into trying it in the first place, has led her to a D1 athletic scholarship.

"I'm very excited (about Holy Cross)," she said. "I had heard someone talk about Holy Cross so I figured that I should look into it because at that time I was still reaching out to different schools. I was talking to Stonehill at the time, and they are both Catholic Schools and smaller schools which is what I wanted. I don't like big schools. I then reached out to Holy Cross and set up my tour and the times and then the coach got back to me saying that they would like to meet with me. I went for the tour, met with the coaches and instantly I fell in love."

"I don't know if it was because of the campus, which is beautiful, but also because of academics which is huge for me. I want to be at a school that pushes my academics and I don't want to be bored. I like taking faster paced, smaller classes and that's what Holy Cross offered and those reasons I think are why I picked Holy Cross over Stonehill, plus the (track) team was just so welcoming. My host when I met her, she was the absolute best."

Kulis, who is ranked 20th in her academic class and is a National Honor Society student, said she has big plans outside of track-and-field once she gets to HC.

"I'm going to major in Psychology and I want to be a Forensic Psychologist in the FBI or some kind of law enforcement. I've always been interested in crime and figuring out why criminals did what they did and just getting inside criminals' heads. That's just been a fascination of mine," she said.

Originally, Kulis was being recruited to play field hockey in college and had interest in Bryn Mawr College, an all female school out in Pennsylvania, but the more time she spent with track-and-field, the easier the decision was not to journey out to another state.

"My parents (John and Sue) have definitely supported me the entire way," said Celia. "Joining track, I would come home with a smile on my face bigger than they probably would see from field hockey because originally I was going to commit to a college for field hockey, but



Wilmington's Celia Kulis edges out Tewksbury's Mia Gaglione during a Varsity Field Hockey game played this past fall. Kulis is this year's Female Athlete of the Year. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

then I decided not to.

"My parents were concerned that I had lost my chance to play field hockey in college, but they saw me smiling every single track meet and being with friends that I hadn't been with in a while and they are my closest friends now. Having my parents attend these things (was so important to me). I know my dad would take time off of work to come to the meets and my mom would always be here first thing with the camera and she loved taking photos of all of us."

Besides her parents, Celia also gets full support from her two siblings, Adam, 19, and Sara, a sophomore at WHS, who was on the JV Field Hockey team this past fall.

"It was a little conflicting with the age gap between the oldest and youngest," Celia said. "So with me being in the middle, I felt like I had to be the peacekeeper and that's what I have felt that I have always had to be. It was always cool having my older brother's support and then having my sister support me too. But it was two different supports at the same time. My brother was proud of me and my sister looked up to me, so I always felt real important in the family."

LET'S GIVE THIS A TRY

Going out for the track team during the abbreviated Fall-2 season, Kulis wasn't sure what to make of it. Head Coach Brian

Schell figured to put her into some jumping events because she's tall and has longer legs than most. In her first meet against Burlington, she scored eight points for the 'Cats, winning the high jump, clearing 4-8 and then she took second in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 9.7 seconds.

By the fourth meet, her hurdles time went down to 9.0 seconds, and she also added long jump to the mix, including taking first in the Watertown meet with a leap of 14-75.

"My coaches definitely push me. Coach Schell told me where to go and he thought that I would be good in the hurdles because I have long legs, so he worked with me and I probably wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him. I was afraid to even go over a hurdle but then his encouragement throughout the whole way, putting me in different events and just encouraging me throughout every single event and meet (was so great)," she said.

"Afraid" seemed to be a word Kulis used a lot when describing her first introduction to some of these events.

"Hurdles I was a little scared as my friend Kaitlyn (McLaughlin) did them and then wasn't doing them anymore," she said. "I didn't know much about the event so I watched a lot of videos. I had to come on my own time if I wanted to get it down pat. The high jump I was definitely afraid of the bar. But then I got close to Kayla (Flynn) and (Assistant) Coach (Joe) Patrone and they really helped me get comfortable."

"(Throughout all of it, my success was) definitely a team effort. I always felt supported by the team. I never felt alone doing these events, although sometimes I did do hurdles alone, but everyone was always supporting me so it just made me feel so much more comfortable so it was more about me feeling like I was helping the team, rather than me doing it by myself."

That success from that 'indoor' season carried over to the outdoors. In the five regular season meets, Kulis competed in three events each time and came away with 12 first places, two seconds and a third. She won the high jump twice, won the triple jump three times, won the 55-meter hurdles once, the 100-meter hurdles three times, the long jump once and then finished with a second in the high jump and long jump

and a third in the triple jump. She scored 67 points in five meets.

"(Doing so many different events) helped me versatility wise because I got to see the different aspects of each event," she said. "(When I did the) shot put (at the sectionals and state meet it) made me focus on using my legs and my arms. The high jump made me use all of my body parts to get over the bar, going backwards and using different forms. The hurdles is different than just running. You really have to focus on your form. I feel like each event had its different form aspect so they all just kind of tied into each other."

THREE WEEKS TO REMEMBER

In a matter of three-plus weeks, Kulis enjoyed a lot of track and competing and a lot of success. In the team's final regular season meet on a hot blistering day, she finished with a first place in the 100-meter hurdles (17.0), a second in the long jump (14-7) and was third in the triple jump (31-6) accounting for nine of the team's points in their win over Stoneham, which also gave the program its first ever league championship title.

A few days earlier than that, she joined Kayla Flynn and Mollie Osgood as they captured the Division 3 state relay high jump championship title with Kulis clearing 4-6.

A few days later, she competed at the Middlesex League Championship Meet. A junior at the time, all she did was set a new school record in the 100-hurdles at 15.83, while she was 8th in the triple jump (32-11.75) and 15th in the long jump (15-01). It was the hurdle event that caught so many people's eyes. Kulis was seeded second and finished second in the preliminary heat.

"My blocks were too far back so it was hard to get out of the blocks quickly, so I moved them up for the finals and that's how I got out really quick," she said after the meet. "If your blocks are off, it's harder to get your driving phase out and it sets you back a little bit. When I pushed them up closer, my drive phase was normal so I could actually get my quick feet going."

That little change paid off. Kulis was absolutely phenomenal in the finals, winning with her personal best and school record time of 15.83 seconds - which was 1.17 seconds better than what she had

done just a few days earlier.

"I was pushing myself so hard all day and I was definitely stressing out about it during school," she said after the win. "I was happy to (win) but I think my mom was definitely more happy about it. My family were the ones who were chanting the most. It was just a surreal moment."

Those surreal moments also carried over the next two weekends. Due to COVID, the MIAA decided to break up the usual Eastern Mass Championship Meets into sectionals. With 14 teams in the North Section, Kulis participated in the pentathlon - all in the dreaded heat - where she finished in a tie for third place scoring 2,462 points, which was a big boost to the team's fourth place finish. In the pentathlon, she was first in the high jump (5-0), second in the 100-meter hurdles (15.61), fourth in the long jump (15-4), seventh in the shot put (25-2) and 11th in the 800 (3:11.01).

"Sectionals was a very hot day and I don't do well in the heat and clearly you can see that in my 800 (meter run) but I fixed that (the following week)," she said. "I had never done that event before. It was really encouraging when I got my personal record in the high jump and the hurdles, especially going against Kaitlyn (Gorgenyi) from North Reading, who is just really good."

A week later, she would compete again in the pentathlon but this time against the rest of the state's best at the All-State Meet. She came into the meet ranked 15th and left finishing as the seventh best in the state. She finished with 2,647 points which re-broke her own school record, and that included finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles, seventh in the shot put and tied for eighth in the high jump (4-9.50).

"Celia continued to show the versatility that I have praised all season. She had a great start to the meet in the hurdles having a better time than her previous one in the sectionals. While she was just off missing her best high jump, she was still in great contention after these two events," said Schell after the meet.

Going into the 800, Kulis was in ninth place, and after her 3:11 time from a week earlier, it appeared as if maybe she would slide down a few spots.

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Among the many events that Celia Kulis competes in on the track, hurdles is her best, including being the Middlesex League's 100-meter champion during the outdoor season. (file photo).

WHS Boys Basketball Preview

‘Cats look to turn things around behind experienced players

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WILMINGTON - There's no denying that the past few years have been a struggle for the Wilmington High Boys Basketball team, as the Wildcats have posted just a 4-27 record over the past two seasons, including last year's 2-9 campaign during the COVID abbreviated season.

But, despite the struggles, their confidence under the direction of coach Dennis Ingram has never wavered, and that remains the case as they head into this season, where Ingram is hoping that some of their close losses from last season can turn into wins. Not only are Ingram and the Wildcats hoping that some of those close games go their way this season, they are also hoping that having a much more normal schedule will also help their cause, after facing multiple shut downs last season to COVID issues.

"That sums up last year. We felt like we were better than our record. We had a couple of games that we competed hard in and just didn't have enough to win," Ingram said. "The multiple shutdowns were an obstacle for sure. Being at practice every day, being in the gym working with the guys, is something that I really can't tell you how great and special of a feeling it is this season."

Not that this season will be without its share of obstacles as well, with the Wildcats losing six players off of last year's squad to graduation including captains Jimmy McCarron and Evan Witalisz. Despite the losses, however, the Wildcats actually return a strong core of players who saw significant playing time and gained valuable experience last season.

"We do return a lot of guys, that is really a great thing. We've got a nice little mix on our team right now. How well we can do will depend on the guys," Ingram said. "We want to prepare as well as we can and compete as hard as we can each night and if we play well, we think we



The captains of the 2021-'22 WHS Boys Basketball team includes from left, Tommy Mallinson, Will Doucette and Willie Stuart. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

have a chance every night. We had three good scrimmages in the pre-season, where we saw a lot of good things come out of those. I think the guys are ready for the season to open."

Along with the returning players, another thing that Ingram is hoping helps his team pick up a few more wins is a change in their scheduling. Gone are Middlesex League Liberty (Large School) foes like Winchester, Belmont and Lexington, replaced by non-league foes like Pioneer Charter School, Triton Regional and Shawsheen Tech. Still, no doubt challenging games for the Wildcats, but not the mismatches they often faced in some of their Liberty Division matchups.

"We have a different schedule this year. We are not playing the large schools this year, so what that means is we have ten non-league games instead of four," Ingram said. "I see no reason why Wilmington High School should be playing against some of these schools. We put together a petition

prior to the COVID year with Ed Harrison and with the help of Mia Muzio, we got it accepted."

Leading the way for the Wildcats against their revised schedule will be senior guard Tommy Mallinson, who had an outstanding season last year, averaging 19.5 points per game. Mallinson is a two-time team MVP and a two time Middlesex League All-Star with a total of 503 points for his career. After a summer where he shined in virtually every venue he played, Ingram is looking for even bigger and better things from his senior captain.

"Tommy is great. When it's all said and done, he's going to be one of the best players we have ever had walk through the doors," Ingram said. "He loves the game, he loves to compete, and he has improved every year."

But Mallinson alone will not get the job done. And thankfully he is not alone, as he will have plenty of help from his friends, with a talented group of returning seniors, includ-

ing fellow tri-captains Will Doucette, and Will Stuart, as well as Gavin Erickson, Luke Murphy, Nathaniel Rebinskas, Edward Ricupero and Tyler Rourke.

"They are a great group of kids, honestly. The seniors have been awesome. They have been outstanding," Ingram said. "We talked early on about how we would be keeping some younger guys with us and taking advantage of the new six quarter rule of eligibility- we talked about being good role models, about showing the younger guys how they do things, how hard they work, how they have each other's back and how we are a team. We had a scrimmage the other night and guys on the bench were jumping up and down cheering for each other. It was great."

Murphy, Erickson, Doucette and Stuart return to the starting lineup from last season, and Ingram is looking forward to seeing their improvement this season.

Luke Murphy has been great. He's in great shape and has really bought into

BOYS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Mon	12/13	vs Pioneer Charter	6:00 pm
Tues	12/14	vs Wakefield	6:00 pm
Fri	12/17	at Stoneham	7:30 pm
Mon	12/20	at Lynnfield	6:30 pm
Wed	12/22	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Tues	12/28	vs Lynnfield	2:30 pm
Thurs	12/30	at North Reading	4:00 pm
Fri	1/7	vs Melrose	5:30 pm
Fri	1/14	vs Burlington	5:30 pm
Tues	1/18	at Shawsheen Tech	7:00 pm
Fri	1/21	at Pioneer Charter	4:15 pm
Fri	1/28	at Wakefield	7:00 pm
Tues	2/1	vs Stoneham	6:00 pm
Fri	2/4	vs Watertown	7:00 pm
Mon	2/7	vs Triton	5:30 pm
Tues	2/8	at Melrose	5:00 pm
Fri	2/11	at Burlington	5:30 pm
Tues	2/15	vs North Reading	6:00 pm
Thurs	2/17	at Triton	6:30 pm
Mon	2/21	vs Shawsheen Tech	2:00 pm

what we are doing. We have a whole new system of how we look at the game and he has picked it up so effortlessly,"

Ingram said. "Gavin is such an incredible athlete, and that's not an exaggeration. Will has looked better than he ever has. In our scrimmage against Somerville, he was everywhere. Willie has really taken to our system. He does so many good things for us. He is always making the right reads on offense, and always seems to be causing havoc on defense."

The Wildcats will also be looking for contributions from several newcomer to the team, including juniors Shea Price and Jacob Rogue, sophomores Ben Marvin, Austin Harper, Mike Oatis, Tiago Gomez and Mike Lawler, as well as freshman Aden Balter. Thus far, both the returning players and newcomers have given Ingram plenty of reason to be optimistic.

"They have been very impressive so far in day-to-day practice and in the three scrimmages," Ingram said. "We have a lot of things to look forward to. With the six quarter rule, we decided to try something different where we kept some younger kids with the varsity so they can practice against really strong competition every day, while we can still focus on their development by being eligible to play in six quarters each game day."

After all the stops and starts of last season, Ingram and his players can't wait to get started this season.

"The first minutes of the first day of winter sports, I pulled the boys in and told them how I have thought about this day every single day since the season ended last year," Ingram said. "I really am excited and every year look forward to the Monday after Thanksgiving, but with all the abnormalities from last year and this year being almost normal, I am beyond excited to be in the gym, work with the kids and try to get the very best out of them."

The Wildcats won in a blowout in their season opener, routing non-league rival Pioneer Charter by a score of 78-39 on Monday night. The Wildcats, who led 40-21 at the half, were led by 36 points by senior Tommy Mallinson, who had eight three-pointers on the night.

Wilmington also got eight points from sophomore Austin Harper, while fellow sophomore Ben Marvin and senior Luke Murphy had seven each and senior Will Doucette had six.

The Wildcats followed up their season opening win with a hard fought 55-46 loss to Middlesex League rival Wakefield on Tuesday night.

WHS Wrestling Preview

Work ethic hoping to carry grapplers to success

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WILMINGTON - When Peter Mitchell was introduced as the new Wilmington High School Wrestling coach, one of his longterm goals is to get the program back to where it was when he was a longtime assistant, with sectional and state champions, All-State and New England qualifiers all on a consistent basis.

While he is still getting reacquainted with the same program he previously spent two decades with, he knows that if what he has witnessed from his 16-member squad continues the rest of the season, certainly

good things will happen come post-season time.

"I'm just really impressed with the guys and their work ethic," he said. "They came to work this season. We have a lot of seniors so we're an old team but we don't have a lot of (varsity) experience. We have been doing a weight room workout every other day and really working hard during practice on the mats."

"I'm not sure (who our top guys are) because we haven't had a match yet and I have been out of the program for a little bit, but their work ethic in the practice room has stood out to me. I had coached here for 20 years and I hadn't seen that kind of

work ethic before and that's really good to see. We also have a lot of football players so it's a good transition for those kids to go from football to wrestling."

Last year's team finished at 4-6 in the abbreviated season which took place in the spring and outdoors. The two seasons before that, the 'Cats finished 10-16 and 9-15, so this year's team will be looking for its first winning record since the 2017-'18 season (12-11).

Last year there were no post-season meets and Wilmington ended up losing a handful of talented seniors, including Joe Ganley and Shane Penney, who finished with

114 and 107 career wins, respectively, as well as placing multiple times at previous sectional and state meets. Also placing in the sectionals back in the 2019-'20 season as a sophomore was Luke Vitale, who is one of the three captains along with Nick Doyle and Marcello Misuraca.

"The captains have been doing a great job as a captain and helping me get familiar with a program that I haven't been a part of in a while. They have helped me familiarize everything once again and I can't tell you how much I have appreciated that," said Mitchell.

The three captains are three of the eight seniors on the team. Mitchell was still figuring out his lineup and knows that he will need to fill some spots at the lighter weight classes and may have to bump some people around. But as of now, it appears as if Vitale and Adam LeBlanc will be at 132, Brian Duggan will be at 145, Julien Cella and Nikolaos Iascone will be at 152, Braedon Almas will be at 160, Aryan Bhateja and Mohaned Said will be at 165, Joe Kullman and Doyle at 170, Misuraca at 182, Yvenson Jeanty will be at 195, and Nojus Giniotas, Dempsey Murphy and Amilcar Valdivieso will be at either 220 or heavyweight. Adam Lopez and Kevin Kane will also be in the mix.

Wilmington opened the

season this past weekend in a tri-meet held at Gloucester High. The 'Cats had a terrific day, going 2-1 with wins over Excel Academy (40-39) and Reading (48-36), while losing to host Gloucester (48-36).

In the win over Excel Academy, winning their matches by pin included Julien Cella at 138 pounds (55 seconds), Nickolaos Iascone at 145 pounds (39 seconds), Brian Duggan at 152 pounds (32 seconds), Nick Doyle at 170 pounds (30 seconds), Jack Rooney at 182 pounds (1:47) and Marcello Misuraca at 195 pounds (1:07).

The final win came from Adam LeBlanc at 160 pounds with a 17-4 major decision.

In the win over Reading, Cella, Doyle and

Misuraca were repeat winners by pin. Adam Lopez (132), Mohaned Said (160) and Dempsey Murphy (220) won by pin as well, and then Duggan and Nick Doyle won by forfeit.

In the loss to Gloucester, Lopez, Iascone, Rooney and Misuraca won by pin, while Duggan and Murphy won by forfeit.

Wilmington returned to action on Wednesday against Melrose in the Middlesex League Freedom Division opener with results not known as of presstime.

On Saturday, the 30th annual Sons of Italy tournament featuring close to 20 of the best teams in the area will take place at the Shriner's Auditorium in Wilmington, starting at 10:00 am.



The captains, along with first-year head coach Peter Mitchell, on this year's WHS Wrestling team include from left, Nicholas Doyle, Luke Vitale and Marcello Misuraca. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

VARSITY WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/11	at Gloucester	10:00 am
Wed	12/15	vs Melrose	6:30 pm
Sat	12/18	SOI Tournament	10:00 am
Thurs	12/23	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Mon	12/27	at Framingham Tourn	9:00 am
Wed	1/5	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Sat	1/8	at Malden Catholic	10:00 am
Wed	1/12	at Watertown	7:00 pm
Sat	1/15	at Woburn Invitational	10:00 am
Wed	1/19	vs Arlington	6:30 pm
Fri	1/21	at Wakefield	5:00 pm
Sat	1/22	at Cohasset Tournament	10:00 am
Fri	1/28	vs Woburn	5:00 pm
Wed	2/2	vs Triton	6:30 pm
Sat	2/5	vs Gr. Lowell	6:00 pm
Sat	2/12	Sectionals	TBA
Sat	2/19	Division 3 States	TBA
Sat	2/26	All-States	TBA

Girls Hoop team shooting for a successful season

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WILMINGTON - If last season proved nothing else, it proved that the Wilmington High Girls Basketball team knows how to respond to a challenge. Coming off a Middlesex League Freedom Division championship the year before, the Wildcats went into the abbreviated season knowing they would have to overcome the loss of several players to graduation from that team, already making their task of repeating as league champs a difficult one.

If that wasn't enough, before the season even got underway, as well as during the season, the Wildcats were faced with multiple shut downs due COVID complications, limiting their practice time, and severely altering their game schedule. Still, the Wildcats persevered, coming away with a winning record in the abbreviated season, going 6-5 on the campaign, which as fifth year head coach Jessica Robinson points out, was no small accomplishment.

"We faced a lot of challenges last year, with three shut downs in total," Robinson said. "The group showed a ton of resiliency all season and stuck together throughout all of the challenges, which is how I think we were able to pull off six wins. I think we ended with somewhere between 18 and 20 total practices and we ended up playing six of our 11 games in seven days."

It was certainly an impressive performance. And the Wildcats will be looking for more of the same this season, as it is quite possible, hopefully minus COVID issues, that this season will prevent even more challenges than last season. Wilmington enters this season having lost seven seniors to graduation, including co-captains Jenna Sweeney and Kylie DuCharme. DuCharme, of course, has since taken her talents to Bentley University, after surpassing 1,000 points in her

career in both points and rebounds last season for the Wildcats.

It is obviously difficult, if not impossible to replace a talent like that, not to mention the rest of the seniors that were a key to the team's success over the past few seasons. But not surprisingly, given her team's already proven ability to overcome adversity, Robinson is confident the Wildcats will once again be successful.

"We are working on rotations and figuring out our depth chart, but it's never easy losing such great kids to graduation," Robinson said. "There's definitely no replacing a player of Kylie's caliber, but what's great is we have four returners who she has helped develop into great teammates and leaders. It's like the gift that keeps on giving."

"It is definitely one of our team goals to qualify for the state tourney this year without having to depend on the power ranking system to get in. As the season starts up, we are going to emphasize staying in the driver's seat and controlling our own destiny."

The good news for the Wildcats is that while they only return four players from last year's team, each of them are players that Robinson knows she can rely on for both their basketball skills as well as their leadership. Each of the returnees will serve as the team's quad captains this season, with junior forward Jess Collins, senior forward Emily Watson, along with senior guards Rita Roche and Olivia Spizuoco stepping into the leadership roles.

"Jess, Rita, Liv and Emily have been so great welcoming the new players into our program's varsity team," Robinson said. "Rita is an absolute spark plug for us, she brings awesome energy. Liv is a really level headed player who leads by example, Emily put in a lot of work on her shooting this off season and that has been a big surprise, and Jess is our returning leading scorer, bringing the most varsity



The captains on this year's WHS Girls Basketball team include from left, Rita Roche, Emily Watson, Olivia Spizuoco and Jessica Collins. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

game experience to the table."

The Wildcats will also be obviously be looking to several newcomers to help contribute to the team this season, starting with their two youngest players, freshmen Alle Delgenio and Eva Boudreau.

"Alle and Eva have played with us all summer and have really done well these past couple of weeks," Robinson said. "Alle brings some great ball handling skills and the ability to make solid and smart basketball reads, while Eva is a really decent shooter who knows how to get to the hoop."

Another young player, sophomore Shaylan Bresnahan, will also see some key minutes and fill a key role for the Wildcats, as will junior Cassidy Smith.

"Shaylan brings some much needed height and a nice touch around the hoop," Robinson said. "And Cassidy is a lefty with the ability to make smart cuts to the hoop and hit the open person."

Sophomore Gabby Kulevich, juniors Carolyn Haas Timm and Anabelle Cook, along with senior

Faith Benoit will also provide key reserve roles for the Wildcats.

"We only have four returners this year, so we really are starting fresh, but it's exciting to watch the new crew get ready to leave their mark," Robinson said.

The best news of course, for Robinson and the new crew is that this season, at least at this point, looks like it will be far more normal than last season, with a 20- game schedule as well as the goal of making the post season, not to mention several other benefits of the return to normalcy.

"We are really excited we get a full slate of games with the MIAA tourney on the table. I'm super excited to be able to write out a pregame plan and some goals, as well as address the team privately before, at half time and after the game," Robinson said. "It'll be nice for the team members to have their families and friends in the stands again as well, and I'm looking forward to having the town of Wilmington teams back at some games."

The Wildcats saw their season get off to a rough

GIRLS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues	12/14	vs Wakefield	4:30 pm
Fri	12/17	at Stoneham	6:00 pm
Mon	12/20	vs Reading	6:00 pm
Wed	12/22	at Watertown	5:30 pm
Wed	12/29	vs Groton-Dunstable	2:00 pm
Thurs	12/30	vs Reading or Ames	12/2 pm
Tues	1/4	at Winchester	6:00 pm
Fri	1/7	vs Melrose	7:00 pm
Tues	1/11	vs Arlington	5:30 pm
Fri	1/14	vs Burlington	7:00 pm
Tues	1/18	at Lexington	6:30 pm
Wed	1/19	at Amesbury	6:30 pm
Fri	1/21	vs Woburn	5:30 pm
Tues	1/25	at Belmont	7:30 pm
Fri	1/28	at Wakefield	5:30 pm
Tues	2/1	vs Stoneham	4:30 pm
Fri	2/4	vs Watertown	5:30 pm
Tues	2/8	at Melrose	7:00 pm
Fri	2/11	at Burlington	7:00 pm
Wed	2/23	at Groton-Dunstable	6:00 pm

start on Tuesday night, when they suffered a 59-29 loss to Middlesex League rival Wakefield in the season opener for both teams at Wilmington High.

The Wildcats were done in by a sloppy offensive performance, where they turned the ball over upwards of 40 times on the night, but they did get some promising efforts as well, including 15 points and 12 rebounds from freshman Eva Boudreau. Sophomore Shay

Bresnahan had a big night on the boards for the Wildcats with ten rebounds, while junior captain Jess Collins chipped in with six points.

The Wildcats will be back in action on Friday night when they travel to Stoneham High School for a 6:00 pm tipoff, before returning home next Monday to host Reading, also at 6:00 pm.

Wild Hornets ready to buzz past opponents in the pool

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READING - After an incredible 2021 season, the North Reading-Wilmington Co-Op Wild Hornets girls and boys swim teams are excited to jump back into the water.

Last year the girls team finished undefeated at 5-0,

capturing the joint program's first ever Cape Ann League regular season and championship meet title.

The boys had a successful season too, with a record of 3-2 in the regular season before placing second at the league meet.

Despite losing a class of talented swimmers to

graduation, the combined teams have a large group more than happy to step up and fill their places. In total, 32 swimmers are on the team. North Reading is represented by nine girls and two boys and Wilmington by eleven girls and ten boys.

"I am impressed at how well our team has worked together and become so

close these past couple years," said head coach Sue Hunter.

The girls team will be led by its three captains Nicole Steinmeyer and Melanie Feffer, both from North Reading, and junior captain Shae Fitzgerald of Wilmington.

The returning swimmers consist of seniors: Kiera Lord, Kelly Crossan, Anna

Germano, Caroline Schladenhauffen; juniors Maddie Koenig, Elise Higgins, Emma Jensen, Julia Kane and Lindsey Kane; and sophomores Lauren Feffer and Rachel Repucci.

The new swimmers to the team are junior Manal Mouddani, sophomores Katherine Murphy, Cassie Tibbetts and Alyssa Stack, and freshmen Priscilla Vo and Gillian Kane.

Besides Fitzgerald, the other Wilmington residents include Jensen, Julia Kane, Lindsey Kane, Murphy, Reppucci, Tibbetts, Vo and Gillian Kane.

Of the returners, a handful of the swimmers are coming off terrific 2020-'21 seasons. At the (virtual) league championship meet, for individual performances Koenig was second in the 50-free (26.14) and 100-backstroke (1:02.51), Steinmeyer was third in the breaststroke (1:17.06) and fourth in the 100-butterfly, Crossan was fourth in the 200-IM (2:40.71) and fifth in the breaststroke (1:20.27) and Feffer was fifth in both the 50-free and 200-IM.

"We have a great group of girls this year. A solid core at the top and the other ones are coming right along. I'm very pleased and excited for the season," said Hunter, before adding, "Anna Germano, who is a senior from Wilmington, is the first swimmer to come through the co-op all four years."

Turning to the boys team, junior captain Ethan Ryan returns after his stellar season last

year, which included being named the league's Co-Swimmer of the Year after winning two individual events at the league championship meet, the 200-IM (2:21.41) and 100-breaststroke (1:05.57). He will be joined by juniors Aryan Patel, Tyler Sheehan, Dylan Tran, Jonathan Mangano, and sophomore Dat Tran, who are all returning swimmers. Juniors Matt Villalta and Moaid Said, sophomores Siddharth Karani and Mantvydas Banevicius and freshman Ivan Deiko and Spencer Bagtaz are all new to the team.

Patel, Ryan, Said, Sheehan, Dyan and Dat Tran, Villalta, Karani and Bagtaz are all from Wilmington. Hunter said both teams look ready to go.

"The first two weeks of practice were really good. I learned a lot from the new swimmers and they're catching on quickly," said Hunter. "We had our pentathlon which was really a glorified time trial for me to get ready for the upcoming meet."

At the pentathlon, every person swam five events and the times were totaled. Ryan took the winning spot for the boys, and Koenig for the girls.

"Ethan looked great," coach Hunter said. "I am hoping for Spencer (Bagtaz) to bring it on this year."

Both teams will open their seasons on Saturday against Lynnfield, at their home pool, the Burbank YMCA, starting at 6:30 pm.

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The Wilmington/North Reading girls and boys swim teams will open their seasons this week behind captains from left, Nicole Steinmeyer and Melanie Feffer of North Reading, as well as boys captain Ethan Ryan and girls tri-captain Shae Fitzgerald, both of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Lots of talent surrounding girls team

'Cats ready to Track down their opponents

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WILMINGTON - When your team includes four Division 1 college athletes for next year, you can safely say that you have a talented squad.

One of those four, as well as another senior athlete, are also coming off spring seasons where they were league champions in the hurdles and the discus events.

Then you have another senior, who two years ago was fourth in Division 4 in the 55-meter dash, another senior who is tremendous in distance running and could very well be the fifth athlete to sign on with a D1 college program.

Then you add in the handful of underclassmen who are all coming off terrific spring seasons in which your team captured its first ever league championship title, and yes, you can safely say that your team is loaded or extremely talented, whichever your preference.

"We have a strong team and the main goal once again is to be league champions. We have the versatility like we had in the spring and we pretty much return everyone that we had from the spring season," said WHS Girls Track-and-Field coach Brian Schell.

The Wildcats opened the season this past weekend in the Winterfest and had exceptional results, all the makings for a strong upcoming season.

"The big goal is to be league champs. Wakefield in my mind is the toughest team on paper. They have the best depth in the distance events and they have solid sprinters and throwers, so we're just going to have to really work ourselves to get better," said Schell. "I think the league meet will come down to that meet, well in my opinion anyway. Besides that we would love to try to win the state relay meet. I know we have the talent and the depth to do it so we have to figure out how to move some people around to make it happen. We'll definitely have our work cut out for us, but we do have a lot going for us."

Leading the way for the



The captains on the WHS Girls Indoor Track-and-Field team include from left, Olivia Erler, Angelina Zaykovskaya, Amanda Broussard and Shea Cushing. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

team this winter will be the four captains, Olivia Erler, Angie Zaykovskaya, Shea Cushing and Amanda Broussard. The first three are coming off terrific cross-country seasons, and the last enjoyed a successful soccer season. Erler and Zaykovskaya will be attending Merrimack College next year, Broussard will be going to Bryant, and Cushing and the University of Vermont seemed to have mutual interest.

Cushing and Erler will lead the way in the mile/two-mile events with

junior Mallory Brown, sophomore Hannah Bryson and freshman Addy Hunt in the mix.

"One thing that we lack right now is depth in the distance events. Right now we only have three people to spread around in the mile and two-mile with Shea (Cushing) and she'll primarily be in the mile and she's obviously coming off great spring and fall seasons, so she'll be a big point scorer for us in the distance events," said Schell. "We also have Hannah (Bryson) who is also coming off a strong cross-country season and

she had a great freshman year last year in the two-mile as well. We may have to double up Shea and Hannah in the mile and two-mile. We also have Olivia (Erler) who is another one coming off a strong cross-country season. I know we have the talent in the distance events, we just lack the depth."

Zaykovskaya will lead the middle distance events, mainly the 600 and the relays. Joining her in those events will be sophomores Emily Doherty, Emily Grace, Sofia Pitzen and Mia Stryhalaleck, as

well as freshman Abigail Mitchell.

"In the 600, we've got Angie and she's obviously going to do the job. She's done very well in the years past and she's been training really hard especially the past two years. She looks to be very solid and real posed to have a big season," said Schell.

The sprints and the field events could be the team's strength. Kaitlyn Doherty finished fourth at the D4 meet two years ago in the dash, and was also part of the 9th place 4x200 relay team with senior Madi Mulas and Broussard,

who is back as one of the top 300-meter runners in the area.

"In the 300, we have Amanda (Broussard) who is also coming off real strong," said Schell. "She had a phenomenal spring season for herself. She'll come up huge for us in that event, as well as the 4x400 relay or even the 4x200 if we need to for strategy reasons."

"In the sprints, we are pretty strong as well. We have Kaitlyn (Doherty) who is back and she looked really good in that Fall-2 season. She can also double up in multiple events and do the 4x200 relay or the long jump."

Adding depth in the dash and 300 include senior Nokomis Bramantecohen, sophomores Ali Doherty, Ava Kennedy, Molly MacDonald and Meghan Smith as well as freshman Gabby Fitzgibbons.

Senior Celia Kulis, who next year will run for Holy Cross, will do a combination of sprints/relays/hurdles as well as high and long jump.

"We have many people who can do multiple events. Celia (Kulis) can do hurdles, long jump and high jump and she can step in and do the shot put if needed. She also can step into the 4x200 (relay) if needed," said the coach.

Junior Kayla Flynn and sophomore Mollie Osgood will certainly be up there in both the hurdles and other jumping events this season.

That leaves the throwers.

"During the spring, a lot of our top scorers came from the throwing events so here in indoors we just have the one throwing event of the shot put so we have Sarah (LaVita) for the first time indoors after she came from basketball so we have her Isabelle (Puccio), Lilly (Rubin) so we have a real good trio of returners there," said Schell. Pitzen will also add depth there, on top of competing in the middle distance events.

Wilmington opened the season on Wednesday against Burlington with results not known as of presstime.

Boys Track team to compete, improve throughout the season

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WILMINGTON - Back in March and April, what was called the Indoor Track season was actually held outdoors in the mostly frigid weather, and it was an abbreviated season that was used basically as a warm-up for the real outdoor season which began in early May.

For the Wilmington High School Boys program, the team had a very successful 'Indoor season' finishing with a 4-1 record, which was good for second place in the Middlesex League Freedom Division standings. But a lot of that talent is gone, including Sean Riley, who is running at UMass-Lowell and Pat O'Mahony, who is running at Bryant University, both D1 collegiate programs.

That leaves a new roster with a lot of unknowns.

"We lost a lot of seniors from last year and now we have six seniors on this year's team. We have a lot of underclassmen. Our numbers are pretty low. We have 35 kids and we usually have somewhere around 50 to 60 range," said head coach Mike Kinney. "A bunch of people are new to the sport, but we do have a pretty strong class of sophomores and juniors. So far everything has been good. They have all

been working hard, they all have good attitudes and we have had great attendance in every practice."

The tri-captains for this indoor season includes seniors Jeandre Abel, John Ware and Jack Melanson.

"Jeandre won the 100 (meter Middlesex) league title last (outdoor season) so we have pretty high expectations for him. He's looking at a lot of colleges, too and he's getting recruited by several schools like Northeastern are looking at him. He's really talented," said Kinney. "He's never really weight lifted before so if he gets to a program and starts weight lifting, he will be really good."

"He should have a chance to go after the school record in the 100. Matt Figueiredo has it at like 11.08 and Jeandre's best time is like an 11.33 right now. He was injured a lot last year and had a torn hip flexor and now he's one hundred percent healthy so he should be good to go. We will probably double him up in the 300 and the (50-yard dash) and he'll be the anchor leg of any relay team that we put together."

"John Ware is just a hard working kid and a good leader. He was good for us in the 400-hurdles and the javelin in the spring so here indoors, he'll throw the shot put and do the 55-meter hur-

dles. Jack is back with the throwing events and he did well for us last year and is looking to get better."

The other seniors include Michael Money, Joe Morani-Disessa, Evan Shackelford, Luka Smilic and John Spencer. Shackelford was a consistent 600-meter runner last year running at 1:34, while Spencer, "played football and he did a ton of lifting in the off-season so he's way stronger than he used to be. He looks pretty promising in the shot put."

The junior class includes: Nicholas Atwater, Noah Carrier, Dominic Feeney, Brayden Gorski, Cooper Loisel, Liam Lydon, Jonathan Magliozzi, John McNamara, Owen Mitchell, Roman Moretti, Tyler Nguyen, Christian Niceforo and Matthew Steinmetz.

The sophomore group includes Thomas Burns, Nathan and Luke Cardin, Connor Crane, Michael Dynan, Robert Elliott, Ethan Kennedy, Eric Packer Jr., Sean Patrone, Nicholas Samaha and Hunter Sands. Thomas Burns is coming off a strong cross-country season.

The lone freshman is Cameron Jenks.

"The underclassmen is where a big focus is because we have so many and we want to build them up for the spring

and for the future years. They just have the right attitude. We are just going to work on getting stronger and faster," said Kinney.

Wilmington opened the season on Wednesday against highly touted Burlington with results not known as of presstime.

"Burlington and Wakefield are stacked and we get them right away in our first two league meets," said Kinney. "We're hoping to compete against them and would

B/G TRACK-AND-FIELD SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	12/15	vs Burlington at BU	4:30 pm
Wed	12/22	vs Wakefield at RLC	4:30 pm
Thurs	12/30	vs Stoneham at BU	1:00 pm
Thurs	1/6	vs Watertown at BU	4:30 pm
Thurs	1/13	vs Melrose at BU	4:30 pm
Fri	1/21	State Relays	TBA
Sat	1/29	State Coaches RLC	9:00 am
Sat	2/12	Last Chance RLC	1:00 pm
Thurs	2/17	Sectionals at RLC	TBA
Sat	2/26	State Meet at RLC	TBA

love to beat them but they are both very strong teams so we'll just see what happens. We just

want to work hard and improve every day."



The tri-captains on the WHS Boys Indoor Track-and-Field team include from left, Jeandre Abel, Jack Melanson and John Ware. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Big performances -- especially on girls side -- at WinterFest Meet

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BOSTON - Both the Wilmington High School girls and boys track teams competed in the small school division of the annual WinterFest Meet, a warm-up if you will for the upcoming season, held this past Sunday at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Starting with the girls, the 'Cats had individuals who combined for a first place, 5 second places, a third, 2 fourths, a fifth a sixth, and a ninth, and then on the relay team side was a first, third and fourth.

Also six members of the team qualified for the state meet in five events, which is remarkable considering this is the first competition of the season.

"Having the WinterFest was definitely a great way to start off the season. A small meet to get our racing legs and meet mentality back. It's great to get a meet of this kind of atmosphere in before our first dual meet too instead of heading into Burlington fully rusted," said girls head coach Brian Schell.

Senior Kaitlyn Doherty highlighted the meet as she was first in the 55-meter dash at 7.69 seconds and was also sixth in the long jump at 14-03. Her sister Alison competed in the same events taking fourth in the dash at 7.73 and 12th in the long jump at 13-02.

"Both girls had phenomenal preliminary rounds for the first meet of the season. Both of them had great starts and had huge leads and accelerated the whole race. Ali in the

finals had the best start with great reaction out of the group coming out of the blocks and had the lead for about 30 meters," described Schell. "Kaitlyn while coming out of the blocks in last had to catch the entire heat yet it was her strength i always talk about that powered her over the field and bested the field at the last stride."

They both qualified for the state meet in the dash. The third Doherty, Emily, was 24th in the 600-meters with a time of 2:11.86.

Senior Celia Kulis had a monster meet, as she was second in both the 55-meter hurdles (9.13) and high jump (4-10) and was also third in the long jump (15-05). Kulis qualified for the state meet in the hurdles, and also broke a school record with her time.

"First meet back and Celia looked strong all around again," said Schell. "In the hurdles she had great races in both the prelims and finals. She is just a little high over the hurdles but over time during the season things will come back around. She was fairly consistent in the long jump as well as looking strong in the high jump. First meet back and her versatility is already showing again."

The other seconds came from Amanda Broussard in the 300 with a state qualifying time of 43.75, Angie Zaykovskaya in the 600 with a state qualifying time of 1:48.92 and Shea Cushing in the 1,000 at 3:25.36.

Kayla Flynn was third in the high jump, also clear-

ing 4-10, which qualified her for the state meet. She was also 15th in the 55-meter hurdles at 11.11 seconds. In the shot put, Sarah LaVita was fourth at 28-12.20 and was followed by Isabelle Puccio (17th, 23-04.50) and Lilly Rubin (28th, 20-05). Mollie Osgood was the third member to place in the high jump as she cleared 4-8, good enough for fifth place.

Also cracking the top ten included freshman Addy Hunt, who was 9th in the 600 at 1:54.68 and then Molly MacDonald, who was tenth in the 300 at 46.33, as was Emily Grace but in the 600 at 1:56.17.

Two other athletes competed in two events each. Sofia Pitzen was 17th in the 600 at 2:01.12 and 35th in the shot put at 18-10 and then Mia Stryhalaleck was 25th in both the 600 (2:13.54) and long jump (11-01).

In the other running events, Madi Mulas (30th at 48.73), Nokomis Bramantecohen (43rd at 49.69), Gabby Fitzgibbons (73rd at 53.90) and Abigail Mitchell (90th at 58.56) competed in the 300. Then in the 1,000, it was Mallory Brown 11th at 3:43.81, Olivia Erler 13th at 3:45.08 and Hannah Bryson 17th at 6:17.83.

"The distance crew in particular looked solid having come off the cross country season and needed their racing legs back," said Schell. "They all ran shorter races than their primary events to work on getting that initial speed that is going to be needed compared to cross country. Otherwise, overall the meet was great. We had many personal records



Sisters Kaitlyn (left) and Ali Doherty give thumbs up after they both qualified for the state meet in the 55-meter dash during Saturday's WinterFest meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. (courtesy photo).

and solid performances in every event."

For the three relay teams, the 4x400 was first at 4:25.37, the 4x200 team was third at 1:55.55, the 4x800 was fourth at 11:09.01.

The 4x400 team consisted of Emily Grace, Broussard, Addy Hunt and Zaykovskaya. The 4x200 team was Madi Mulas, Ali Doherty, Bramantecohen and Kaitlyn Doherty. And finally the 4x800 team was Cushing, Bryson, Erler and Brown.

Finally, Ava Kennedy was 34th in the shot put throwing 18-11.75.

On the boys side, the top performances came from Jack Melanson (shot put, 36-11) and Luka Smiljic (high jump, 5-4), who both finished in sixth place. Also cracking the top ten included Sean Patrone, who was tied for eighth in the high jump at 5-0,

Jeandre Abel, who was ninth in the 300 at 39.49 and Jonathan Magliozzi, who finished tenth in the long jump at 17-07.

The relay teams were very successful with the 4x400 team taking third at 3:59.48 and both the 4x200 and 4x800 teams taking fifth with times of 1:42.70 and 9:34.70.

In addition to the high jump, Patrone was also 63rd in the 300 at 51.15. Others who competed in two events included senior captain John Ware, who was 13th in the 55-meter hurdles (9.29) and 1th in the shot put (34-08.50) and Noah Carriere, who was 15th in the 55-meter dash (7.38) and 22nd in the long jump (16-06).

In the three other running events, the 600, 1,000 and mile, Wilmington had a total of 12 kids compete. In the 600, it was Nick Atwater (13th at 1:36.66), Evan Shackelford (20th at

1:39.74), Matt Steinmetz (24th at 1:41.84) and Brayden Gorski (37th at 1:50.53). In the 1K, Michael Dynan was 30th at 3:42.30 and was followed by Luke Cardin (41st at 4:06.94) and Eric Packer (42nd at 4:09.95).

Then in the mile, Thomas Burns was 23rd at 5:13.37 and was followed by Ethan Kennedy (25th at 5:13.79), Owen Mitchell (30th at 5:20.79), Roman Moretti (31st at 5:21.37) and Christian Niceforo (51st at 5:50.54).

Finally in the last two events, the long jump featured Cooper Loisel, who was 24th at 16-01.50 and John McNamara, who was 28th at 15-10 and then in the shot put, John Spencer was 11th at 35-04.50, with Braden Huddleston (18th, 32-06.50), Liam Lydon (21st, 30-08.50), Michael Money (34th, 27-11) and Connor Crane (53rd, 19-04).

Angelina Zaykovskaya and Olivia Erler both heading to Merrimack

Two more track members sign on to a D1 College

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WILMINGTON - In what continues to build as an incredible story, two more members of the Wilmington High School Track/Cross-Country family have signed their National Letters of Intent.

Last Wednesday, seniors Angie Zaykovskaya and Olivia Erler both signed on to run the next four years at Merrimack College, meaning four current members of this indoor track team will be competing next year at the D1 collegiate level, with Celia Kulis at Holy Cross and Amanda Broussard at Bryant. And there could possibly be more once things get finalized and decisions are made.

For good friends Zaykovskaya and Erler, they didn't plan it this way and it ended up being a coincidence. They were both looking and leaning towards attending other schools until they shifted gears.

"I was deciding between Merrimack and Springfield. I was also leaning towards Springfield because there's some former teammates there and then last month I ended up vis-

iting Merrimack and I just loved it. I liked the community its in, the vibe of it and then the coaches and the athletes," said Zaykovskaya.

Although she competes in all three running seasons, Zaykovskaya is primarily a middle distance runner with best times of 64.15 in the 400, 1:49.15 in the 600, while she's also had success in the 800 and with various relay teams, mostly 4x400 and 4x800.

"Angie in particular the last two years, has put in so much work and it's obvious that now it's all paying off for her," said head coach Brian Schell. "She has done so much work, in the off-season in particular and she's come on strong and looks real good for this season."

"In terms of her going to Merrimack, I couldn't be more happy for her. She's going to a great academic institution. She's a great student and I believe she's in the top 15 of her academic class. She's a smart kid and I know she wants to study to become a dentist. She has a lot of goals, not just here in track, but also in her life and her future. She just has a lot going for her right now. I'm just really happy for her, and especially seeing that she's



Three-season runners and good friends, Angelina Zaykovskaya, left, and Olivia Erler will be heading to run at D1 Merrimack College next fall. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

going to a D1 program. She's got the talent so I know that she can do well there."

Zaykovskaya also made family history with this decision. Almost her entire family immigrated

from the Ukraine, but she is one of the few who was born in the States, and now will be the first one from her family to be born here and compete for a D1 collegiate program.

"My last name technically is more polish because of one side of the family, but everyone in my family except for me was born in the Ukraine and they all immigrated here. My nieces were born here too, but I'm one of the few," she said. "I've gone back once, a few years ago when I was a freshman. It was really good. I met most of my mom's side of the family who were there, but I still have a lot of family members who still live in the Ukraine, a lot of cousins."

She added that her plan is to study biology with the ambition of becoming a dentist, to follow other family members.

Erler had decided a while back that she wanted to become a school teacher. She narrowed her choices down, and quickly Merrimack started to pull more weight.

"It was between Merrimack and Westfield," she said. "Originally I was leaning towards Westfield and then I started to look more into the program at Merrimack and then I met with the coach and had an unofficial visit and then I decided that's where I want to go. I visited the school and watched a practice (on

Wednesday) and I met a lot of members of the team. They all seem close, like we are here, and it looks like they have a real good training program where everyone is involved and looks like a program that I would enjoy being involved in."

A distance runner, who has been clocked at 6:05 in the mile and 12:58 in the two-mile, Erler has been running and improving since she first started as an eighth grader.

"I have said a thousand things about Olivia in the past and I just can't say enough good things about her now," said Schell. "I have been so fortunate enough to coach her for almost five full years now. She went through some injuries early in her career but at this point, she's come a long way and is coming off a great cross-country season. She's looking to get under that 13-minute mark for the two-mile."

"She's another kid who is just great academically and sports. She's earned this, she has worked for this and I couldn't be any prouder than I am of her. She is someone who has meant a lot to me over these years. She's done a lot, and she and the other three captains have done so much for me and have helped me out over the years, especially during COVID times."

"Olivia is a stronger runner and I know she has more in her than what she's given me already and I can see big things from her these two final seasons here and at Merrimack as well."

Like Kulis and Broussard, both Zaykovskaya and Erler are making a giant step going from a D3 high school program to a D1 collegiate program.

"It's definitely going to be a big adjustment, but I feel like once we get into the routine of it all, we'll be fine," said Erler.

Wildcat Winter Cheerleading Captains



The WHS Winter Varsity Cheerleading captains include from left, Rachel Nally, Allie Fogg, Julia Campbell, Victoria Ciampa, Janelle Penney and Emersyn Foresyth. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

With a dozen new players and brutal schedule, 'Cats will be put to the test

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WILMINGTON - No hiding from it, last year's hockey season was certainly rough. First of all, it was the COVID-19 season, so an abbreviated schedule, wearing masks, no post-season and no spectators were not ideal situations. On top of that from the Wilmington perspective, the 'Cats finished 1-7-3 and were outscored 35-20 on the sea-

Methuen won that one 3-0 and we looked good against Shawsheen Tech. We had a little lull in the middle but we came back and played well late." Wilmington will need to do three things this season in order to be successful in the win column: score consistently, play team and play together as a unit. "(We need) consistent scoring and we're hoping that's going to come. But at times, despite having

White and sophomore Bobby Cyr on defense. The third trio will be juniors Jason Souza and Brett Ebert with freshman Matthew O'Brien, along with defensemen James Caples, a junior and Eric Spinney, a freshman.

The fourth group will have seniors Joseph Cornish and Michael Sullivan with junior Casey Robbins. Junior Ryan Hayden adds depth at the forward spot as does junior Ryan Bornstein on the blue line.

"We have juggled the lines a lot during the pre-season, but the other day we liked what we saw," said Scanlon. "Vinal is a good player and he's got a nice shot. Daniels has all of the tools. Aliberti looks good and I think Brian Barry is going to be a decent player. Nate Packer gives you a good effort every day. The defensemen have played well, all of them. Aidan Murphy, Bobby Cyr and those guys have played well."

Wilmington opened the season Wednesday against the No. 13 ranked in the latest Hockey Night in Boston Division-1 poll. On Saturday, the 'Cats will host No. 15 Winchester and follow that up with No. 7 Arlington next Wednesday.

"To start the schedule the way we do is tough. When you face some of the premier programs in the state right away is tough. You can play great but still lose by a couple of goals, so we'll see," said Scanlon.

Wilmington will face each of the Middlesex League large school division teams one time each, including Woburn and Belmont besides those first three. Those five teams all had winning records during the COVID season. Lexington elected to leave the league and go as an Independent team this season, but the 'Cats will not be facing them this season.

In the Freedom Division, the 'Cats will face Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham, Melrose and Watertown two times each. Burlington is always the cream of the crop and should be among the best teams in the state again, while the other four teams are always competitive teams.

In addition to that, Wilmington will play in the annual Haverhill Christmas Tournament with North Andover in the first game and then either Timberlane or Winnacunnet, both from New Hampshire, in either the finals or consolation round.

Then to close out the regular season, Wilmington will face the No. 1 ranked Division 2 team in the state in Tewksbury and then end it with another non-league game with Beverly.

If Wilmington can finish with .500 record or better, or finish among the top 32 teams in the power rankings of the new statewide tournament, they would qualify for the playoffs for the second straight season, not counting the COVID season.

Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Wilmington High Sports				
Friday	December 17	V Girls/Boys Hoop	at Stoneham	6/7:30 pm
Saturday	December 18	V Wrestling	SOI Tournament	10:00 am
Saturday	December 18	V Boys Hockey	vs Winchester	12:30 pm
Saturday	December 18	V Girls Hockey	vs Woburn at ST	4:00 pm
Saturday	December 18	V B/G Swimming	vs Lynnfield	6:00 pm
Monday	December 20	V Girls Hoop	vs Reading	6:00 pm
Monday	December 20	V Boys Hoop	at Lynnfield	6:30 pm
Tuesday	December 21	V Girls Hockey	at Winchester	5:00 pm
Wednesday	December 22	B/G Track	vs Wakefield at RLC	4:30 pm
Wednesday	December 22	V Girls/Boys Hoop	at Watertown	5:30/7 pm
Wednesday	December 22	V Boys Hockey	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Thursday	December 23	V Wrestling	vs Winchester	6:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	December 16	V Boys Hockey	vs Methuen	7:10 pm
Friday	December 17	V Girls Hoop	at Lowell Catholic	5:30 pm
Friday	December 17	V Boys Hoop	vs Lowell Catholic	7:00 pm
Saturday	December 18	V Girls Hockey	vs Peabody	10:00 am
Saturday	December 18	V Boys Hockey	at Minuteman	7:30 pm
Tuesday	December 21	V Boys Hoop	vs Minuteman	5:30 pm
Wednesday	December 22	V Girls Hockey	at Newburyport	TBA
Thursday	December 23	V Boys Hoop	at North Reading	5:00 pm
Thursday	December 23	V Boys Hockey	vs Rockport	7:10 pm

Wilmington/Stoneham Co-Op Girls Hockey team hit the ice together

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MIDDLETON -- Henry Ford, the celebrated founder behind the Ford Motor Company once said, "Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Earlier this year, it was determined by Wilmington school officials, including Athletic Director Mia Muzio, that the girl's hockey program was in serious jeopardy. Early indications pointed to a lack of participants, insufficient numbers to deploy a team.

In recent years, as little as fifteen players came out for the Wildcats - minimal, but workable. But for the 2021-22 season, it was forecast that only nine or ten girls were on tap to lace up for the team. Oddly enough, nearby Stoneham High School was experiencing the same dearth of candidates. The obvious solution was to combine the teams as one, in a co-operative format.

In other regional communities, the co-op format has proven successful. North Reading, Lynnfield and Peabody, for instance, merged ten years ago and for three straight seasons, have claimed titles. And Melrose, which recently emerged from the co-op system, combined with Stoneham during a temporary player drought.

As Stoneham-Wilmington embarks on a full slate of twenty games, the obvious questions have been addressed by school officials. The team nicknames, Spartans and Wildcats, will be shelved for the time being. For away games, the girls will wear Wilmington blue jerseys while home contests will feature Stoneham white. And perhaps, the most pressing question of all, the combined 18-player team will be co-coached by Wilmington's John Lapiana and Stoneham's Cassandra Connolly.

"It's a collaborative thing," said Lapiana, in his fifth year, who was previously a longtime assistant coach with Matignon. "Decisions are made by committee. It's not what either of us are used to but we're off to a really good start and I'm very optimistic about the relationship." Certainly, there are a number of obstacles to overcome in a co-op format, particularly the melding of two hockey programs that for many years were adversaries on the ice.

"That was an early challenge that was definitely on my mind," admitted Lapiana. "So we began by having summer workouts at the high school, not hockey-related, but for

strength and conditioning. The idea was to gain physical fitness but also break the ice. We had a couple of unofficial things, like ice cream at my house. The girls have also done a few things on their own, and it's coming together really quickly."

"There haven't been any issues at all," agreed co-coach Connolly. "They've done a great job on-and-off the ice getting along with one another."

From a player prospect standpoint, there are high hopes for the Wilmington offensive line which is designated as the "white" line. Junior Gabby Daniels, who was third in scoring last season with the Wildcats, will center sophomore Lily MacKenzie on the right wing and junior Katelin Halley on the left.

"They've been playing together for awhile," said Lapiana. "They're back together this year and looking very sharp. They're a junior line and it's the juniors turn to step-up and contribute offense."

From the Stoneham contingent, Connolly looks for offense from a line known as the "blue" line which is made up of senior Kaylee Cronin, junior Sofija Romanowski, and junior Ava Krasco.

"I'm hoping they can work off each other and deliver," said the co-coach, who played her high school hockey with Woburn and later, University of New England at the collegiate level before moving to the coaching ranks four years ago.

The "red" line is a mix of athletes from both schools, featuring Stoneham sophomore Grace Tobias centering sophomore Marisa Thorne and Wilmington senior Sofia Brunetto.

Reserve forwards include Wilmington's Julia Archer and Stoneham's Grace Bonner, both sophomores.

Wilmington representatives tasked with defensive duties include sophomore Emma Flynn, senior Kiley Flynn, and sophomore Ashley

Mercier while Stoneham blue-liners include junior Sophia Carpentieri, junior Gabriella Sacco, and freshman Isabella Shirtcliff.

While all of the games on the docket have equal importance, Lapiana seems to have certain teams red-circled on the calendar.

"Melrose has their own team back this year and that should be interesting," he said. "We'll also see other quality opponents including Burlington, Reading, and Wakefield. But we have a good group and good talent. We're hoping to make a little noise in the Middlesex League."

The new look Stoneham-Wilmington co-op team was put to the test last Saturday night at the Essex Sports Center in Middleton. While there were strong points to be taken from the season-opener, particularly in the third period, non-league opponent Bishop Fenwick proved a half-dozen goals better in a 7-1 tilt.

Wilmington sophomore Ashley Mercier snapped the game-long shutout on a power play with 1:36 remaining. Stoneham's Krasco provided the helper on the team's first goal of the new season.

The team's lone goaltender, Wilmington sophomore Maddie Sainato turned in a remarkable performance, turning aside 29-shots.

"Maddie showed up this year better than ever," said Lapiana. "She looks sharp and is very mobile, moving well post-to-post and squaring to the puck. She looked fabulous."

"I think she stood on her head tonight," added Connolly. "She saw a lot of shots. Bishop Fenwick can obviously shoot the puck and they can pick the corners so I agree that Maddie did a really good job."

Stoneham-Wilmington traveled to face Belmont Wednesday night (results in after press time) and will next host Woburn on Saturday at 4 p.m.



Wilmington High Boys Hockey captain Aidan Murphy. (photo by Joe Brownphotos.com).

son. Many of the players from last year's team have graduated, leaving this year's team with 12 new varsity players. Already playing in arguably the most difficult public league in the state, certainly Wilmington will have its work cut out for them as the season got underway Wednesday night against Reading in the season and home opener with results not known as of press time.

Head coach Steve Scanlon -- entering his 32nd season as head coach, with 359 career victories, two state championship titles and 11 league championship titles and is ten wins away from 700 career wins in hockey and soccer (including Methuen and Westford Academy) -- knows that every night his players will be challenged with the incredible schedule that's ahead, whether that's with a veteran team or an inexperienced team.

"We have 12 new guys at the varsity level and that's always a challenge. You hope that they are older because there's nothing like adjusting to that pace (of a varsity game). We've had five pre-season scrimmages and we have gone 2-2-1. We've had days where we looked pretty good and we have had days that were a little rough.

"Against North Reading we lost 3-0 and we didn't play exceptionally well but they are good. Lexington I thought we were the better team. We carried play for most of it, but we had trouble scoring and settled for the 1-1 tie. We looked good against

lots of offensive activity, we're not finishing," said Scanlon.

The second order of business is cleaning up in their own end.

"We have the two brand new guys in the net (with Liam Crowley and Justin Finnegan). They both split time at JV last year and have pretty much split time during the pre-season. Liam is going to start and he's a good, decent technical goalie. He makes those initial saves. Rebound control is something both of the goalies are working on. If we can play decent team defense in front of him, keep the (opposing teams) shooting down into the 20s, we'll be OK I would think."

Then comes the third and probably the most important factor.

"We would like to have better team chemistry. There have been times when I've seen yelling and screaming on the bench at your own teammates, but then against Shawsheen, we got down and the kids rallied together to get back up. Hopefully we see more of that stuff going forward," said Scanlon.

The coach added that the line-up that was featured in the scrimmage against the Tech is one that as of right now that he likes the best. The first line has juniors Mike Daniels with Nathan Aliberti and Brian Barry, along with senior defensemen Matt Vinal and Aidan Murphy, the latter is serving as the team's lone captain.

The second will consist of seniors Will Alworth, Nate Packer and Tristan DiMeco with junior Owen

VARSITY BOYS HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Wed	12/15	vs Reading	8:00 pm
Sat	12/18	vs Winchester	12:30 pm
Wed	12/22	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Mon	12/27	vs NA at Haverhill	5:00 pm
Wed	12/29	vs Tim/Winn at Haverhill	TBA
Mon	1/3	vs Bur at Stoneham	8:00 pm
Wed	1/5	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
Sat	1/8	at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Wed	1/12	vs Watertown	8:00 pm
Sat	1/15	vs Melrose at Stoneham	4:00 pm
Mon	1/17	vs Mat at Stoneham	8:00 pm
Sat	1/22	at Woburn	12:00 pm
Wed	1/26	vs Belmont	8:00 pm
Sat	1/29	at Burlington	6:00 pm
Mon	1/31	vs Wake at Stoneham	8:00 pm
Sat	2/5	vs Stoneham	12:30 pm
Wed	2/9	at Watertown	8:00 pm
Sat	2/12	vs Melrose	12:30 pm
Tues	2/22	vs Tewksbury	1:20 pm
Thurs	2/24	at Beverly	1:00 pm

VARSITY GIRLS HOCKEY SCHEDULE

*all home games will be at Stoneham Arena			
Sat	12/11	at B. Fenwick	Lost 7-1
Wed	12/15	at Belmont	5:00 pm
Sat	12/18	vs Woburn	4:00 pm
Tues	12/21	at Winchester	5:00 pm
Wed	12/29	at Central Cath	7:40 pm
Sat	1/1	vs Melrose	6:00 pm
Wed	1/5	at Burlington	5:00 pm
Sat	1/8	vs Pope Francis	6:00 pm
Wed	1/12	at Wakefield	6:00 pm
Sat	1/15	at Watertown	12:20 pm
Mon	1/17	vs Central Cath	12:00 pm
Wed	1/19	vs Reading	6:00 pm
Sat	1/22	at Arlington	6:00 pm
Wed	1/26	at Lexington	TBA
Sat	1/29	at Melrose	4:00 pm
Wed	2/2	vs Burlington	8:00 pm
Wed	2/9	vs Wakefield	8:00 pm
Sat	2/12	vs Watertown	6:00 pm
Tues	2/15	vs Framingham	6:00 pm
Thurs	2/17	vs B. Fenwick	6:00 pm



Santa Claus (Julie Barrett of Wilmington) and Mrs. Claus (Connie Dussault of Chelmsford) made sure that from left, Olivia Vaillancourt, Lillian Menslage and Taylor Kenney, all of Tewksbury, stayed on the right track during Sunday's SOLEstice 5K road race held in Wilmington. (courtesy photo).

Winter Solestice 5K a blast

Rain couldn't wash away the smiles as the 4th Annual SOLEstice 5K run/walk was back in person at the Wilmington Commons Saturday after going virtual during the pandemic. A total of 350 registrants registered for the race with the first 250 receiving a free fleece-lined winter hat. The race, held annually the second Sat of Dec, benefits Sole Sisters Running Club's (SSRC) mission of supporting women in running and its local communities, including its high school scholarship program.

All participants enjoyed post race treats from

Tremezzo Ristorante, Red Heat Tavern of Wilmington, Perfectos Caffe and Aroma Joes.

Top runners received cash prize awards with age group winners receiving an oversized mug. Brian Sheppard of Arlington won the race in 15:57 with the women's winner Taylor Fortnam of Providence, RI coming in at 18:26.

The top 20 Wilmington finishers included: Colby Medeiros (6th, 18:21), Peter Warren (12th, 19:28), Erin Lapsley (13th, 19:35), Jill Chisholm (16th, 19:49), Ken Warren (17th, 19:56), Brendan Mallon (18th, 20:05), Keith

McDonald (22nd, 20:30), Jameson Burns (23rd, 23:09), Cindy Hunt (26th, 21:21), Vicky McDermott (28th, 21:36), David Crane (29th, 22:13), John Hunt (32nd, 22:21), David Dynan (33rd, 22:26), Ally D'Amico (34th, 22:28), Joey Dynan (37th, 22:42), C. Kiley (38th, 22:43), Cal Sheedy (40th, 22:57), Jonathan Eaton (43rd, 23:34), Julie Barrett (47th, 24:21) and Daniel Buckelew (49th, 24:40).

For full race results, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Wilmington/SOLEstice5K>.

Female Athlete of the Year: Celia Kulis

FROM B1W

Not so much.

"I walked her through it and made sure she listened this time and didn't sprint from the start (like she did the week before)," said Schell, also after that race was completed. "She started from last place and gradually picked up her pace every 100-meters. She eventually outkicked both the Natick and Lynnfield girls in the last 150-meters which in the end gave her those last few points to surpass them and gain her a medal."

Kulis finished 11th in the 800 at 2:51.75, which was a 20 second improvement from her last place finish of 3:11.01 from the sectionals.

"(Finishing seventh in the pentathlon at the All-State Meet) was never a big deal to me. My parents always support me and they were making big deals out of it, but I guess it just meant that I put in all of the work. I would come by myself (to the high school) to practice because I just wanted to improve and improve some more. I did track just to keep in shape for field hockey, but then I ended up liking it a lot more."

"That day was a lot, especially because it was hot and you couldn't find any shade. They gave you thirty minutes inbetween each event, but it really wasn't by the time (you cooled down) and then started warming up for (the next event)."

She finished with a personal best time of 15.45 seconds in the hurdles, which was significantly better than her 17.0 time from her first meet.

were all seniors, but many of them were first time players. No one had an idea of what to expect.

"We weren't supposed to be good. We were a whole new team mostly of all seniors and we were not clicking in the first few games. It just came to a point where we all just jelled and everyone found out their position and where they needed to be. We just all worked on that and worked on communication more as a team. Then we just jelled and started winning. A lot of us changed a ton of positions and she found what best suited each one of us and then we just all got much more comfortable as a team," she said.

Kulis didn't score any goals but was clearly the team's best player with her skillset - tremendous speed, endurance and stickhandling skills.

She helped lead the 'Cats to the Division 3 state

tournament, which included a first round loss to Bishop Stang. After the season was completed, she was named to the Middlesex League All-Conference team.

"Celia may not have the stats that others have, but she definitely makes things happen - sets up plays, goals, is a strong presence defensively," said head coach Leanne Ebert. "She played every position with the exception of goalie this year and that is because she gives it her all no matter where she is and I needed that (as a coach), especially this year."

"(Other) coaches would approach me after games and ask me where she'd be playing next year. I'd tell them that she'll be continuing her athletic career, but it would be in track. In field hockey, Celia definitely stood out during games."



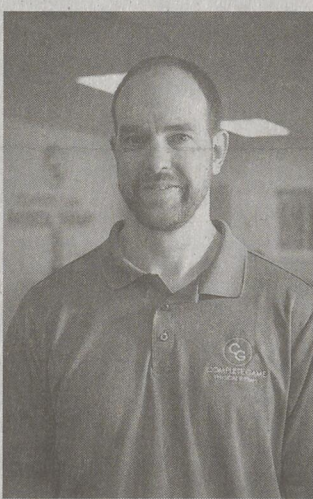
On Sunday, WHS Senior Celia Kulis had an incredible day at the WinterFest Meet, taking second in the high jump (preparing for a jump in this photo), second in the 55-meter hurdles, breaking a school record, and she was third in the long jump. (courtesy photo).

A few tips - like exercise -- to keep you safe on the slopes

By GREG CROSSMAN
Guest Columnist

Despite the warm temperatures we've been having, ski season is upon us. Every year, we see patients in physical therapy who have suffered ski related injuries. Most frequently injuries occur at the knee but back, shoulder and hip injuries are common to skiing as well. You can help reduce the likelihood that you will be one of those who suffer a ski related injury this season with a few tips that will help you stay healthy on the slopes.

1. Exercise. Skiing can be very strenuous, so preparing your body with some regular exercise before hand can be helpful. Simple body weight squats, step ups or lunges are a good place to start. Always think about the alignment of your legs when doing these exercises. Keeping your toes, knees and hips in line as you squat or lunge will help reduce your likelihood of injury, particularly knee injury. Core work is also important. Planks are a great way to work core strength and stability. Biking is also helpful as it develops leg strength and builds



endurance.

2. Proper equipment and technique. Be sure that you have the right size skis and that your bindings are set at the right tension (also known as DIN). Your local ski shop tech (or, if you're renting skis, a tech at the mountain) should help with this. It's often a good idea to take a lesson too. Ski schools usually offer refreshers, quick one hour group classes, which are affordable and helpful if you haven't been on skis for a while.

3. Fatigue. Fatigue is a major contributor to injuries in all sports and it's particularly problematic during the dreaded "last run" in skiing. Injuries on the

last run are so prevalent that, often, skiers won't even say the words "last run" because they think it's bad luck. There are a few reasons for increased injuries at the end of the day. You are tired which leads to increased injury risk, ski conditions tend to be worse (especially in the east where it tends to get icy), and other skiers are tired so there is increased risk of collisions. Be extra careful at the end of your ski day.

There is nothing better than spending a day on the slopes. These simple tips can help reduce the likelihood of injury and keep you carving turns all day long. Have a fun and healthy ski season this year!

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STICKING IT OUT

After playing on the JV Field Hockey team as a freshman, Kulis made the jump to varsity, played the defensive center-midfield spot and immediately made an impact. She was named a league all-star and the Wildcats just missed out on making it to the state tournament by one point.

After last year's abbreviated COVID-19 season, Kulis was back for this year's senior season. The entire team, with the exception of two players,

Female Athlete of the Year

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Celia Kulis
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Olivia Wingate
Lauren Bennett
Lauren Fitch
Rachael Mara
Michelle Woods
Ashley Vitale
Brianna Bozzella
Brittney McLaughlin
Lani Cabral-Pini
Katie Cole
Brianna Bozzella
Debbie Lyons
Lani Cabral-Pini
Lauren Rappoli
Ashley Morgado
Jackie Rubino
Kim Gillespie
Kristen Kacamburas
Michelle McGonagle
Melissa Mather
Julie Gillis
Leanne Harris
Nancy Pote

Athletes of the Decade
1990-'99: Judy O'Connell
2000-'09: Lani Cabral-Pini
2010-'19: Olivia Wingate

WHS GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

*all home meets are held at Gym Street in Wilmington

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri	1/7	at Wakefield	4:30 pm
Wed	1/12	at Reading	8:00 pm
Thurs	1/20	vs Stoneham	6:30 pm
Mon	1/24	at Woburn	4:30 pm
Mon	1/31	vs Winchester	6:30 pm
Thurs	2/3	vs Burlington	6:30 pm
Fri	2/11	at Melrose	7:15 pm
Mon	2/14	vs Arlington	6:30 pm
Wed	2/16	ML Meet	TBA

WHS/NR SWIMMING SCHEDULE

*all home meets held at the Reading Burbank YMCA

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat	12/18	vs Lynnfield	6:00 pm
Fri	1/7	at Triton	7:00 pm
Mon	1/10	at Ham-Wenham	7:50 pm
Sat	1/15	vs Austin Prep	4:30 pm
Sat	1/22	vs Man-Essex	4:30 pm
Wed	1/26	at Ipswich	8:00 pm
Sat	2/5	CAL Meet	TBA
Sat-Sun	2/12-13	Sectionals	TBA
Sat-Sun	2/19-20	States	TBA

Coach Donovan always in everyone's hearts

Emotional season lies ahead for Rams Wrestling team

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BILLERICA - This season will be a challenging one in many ways for the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team. First of all, they wrestlers and coaches must deal with the emotions of heading into a season as they continue to mourn the loss of their legendary coach Mark Donovan, who passed away in October after a courageous battle with bile duct cancer. It will be the first time in 36 years that Donovan will not be on the sidelines for the Rams after nearly 600 career wins. 28 Commonwealth Athletic Conference titles and 19 state vocational titles.

Then, of course there is the challenge the Rams will face once they take to the mat as they attempt to win their 15th consecutive CAC title, after winning their 14th straight during last season's abbreviated "Fall 2" campaign.

The Rams will take on that challenge under the direction of new head coach, and long time Donovan assistant, Doug Pratt. They will also do so with one of the youngest teams they have had in many years, having lost several talented wrestlers to graduation.

The good news for the Rams, however, is that while they are young, the cupboard is certainly not bare, as they bring back several wrestlers who gained valuable experience last season, as well as adding some talent to their roster with wrestlers who had to miss last season due to it being played in the spring, which coincided with sports.

"We lost some kids, but we are getting some kids back who played spring sports and that will really help us," Pratt said. "Last season we had to forfeit a weight class in one of our meets, which we had never done in 30 years. That won't be the case this season. We have a full roster."

Not only do the Rams have a full roster, but they have a roster full of some talented young wrestlers, ready to make an immediate impact at the high school level.

"It's always tough to lose kids the way we did, but with what we have coming in, we are hoping we are able to fill in some of those spots pretty quickly," Pratt said.

While very excited for the new talent coming in, Pratt also knows that it will be some veteran leadership that will one of the biggest keys to the Rams success, led by senior tri-captains Lucien Tremblay at 120 pounds, Sam Palmieri at 126 pounds and Xavier Santiago at 220.

"They are all very good captains and they all bring something different to the role," Pratt said. "Lucien is a great captain. He is just a great leader for the younger kids. Sam is more of a leader by example. He gets it done in the room. Xavier is a really good mix of both. He is a little more vocal

than Sam, but mostly leads by example. It is a really good mix that we have."

The Rams freshman class should be ready to make an impact almost immediately, starting with Sid Tildsley at 132 pounds. Tildsley, who already had a fine season as quarterback of the Rams Football team this past fall, is off to a fine start to his high school wrestling career as well, having won the 132-pound championship at the Blue Devil Classic in Salem, New Hampshire this past weekend. Pratt expects more of the same throughout the season.

"Sid is just a tremendous athlete," Pratt said. "His technique is outstanding and his skill is outstanding. He is going to surprise some people. He is going to be a good one for us."

Another pair of young wrestlers, Freshman Brayton Carbone at 113 pounds and sophomore Caleb Caceres at 138 pounds, are both transfers from Billerica High, where they wrestled as eighth graders, with Carbone placing eighth in his section and Caceres placed sixth in his section.

"Brayton brings a lot of experience, even though he is still young, and we are looking for big things from him this season," Pratt said. "Caleb would have wrestled for us last year, but he is a very good lacrosse player, so he played that in the spring. We are glad to have him with us now. We know what kind of wrestler he is."

Another freshman, Dante Graziano of Tewksbury will start the Rams off at 106 pounds, while junior Troy Warwick, also of Tewksbury, will return to the team to compete at 145 pounds.

"Dante got some good experience at the youth level so we feel like he can step in and do well," Pratt said. "Warwick has been in the room for a couple of years, and now he is getting an opportunity to start. He is a little light for 145, but he is doing well so far."

Junior Ben Gooltz will compete for the Rams at 152 pounds, while sophomore Damian Ortiz will compete at 160.

"We are looking for big things from Ben. He has been in the room a couple of years. He is a guy who has been knocking at the door for a couple of the starting lineup for a couple of years, and this year he broke it," Pratt said. "Damian is a tremendous athlete. He is brand new to us. He has been in the room for ten days, and in a wrestle off, he beat a guy who has been with us for two years. He is just a great athlete."

Junior Jake Metcalf will slide into the starting lineup at 170 pounds, while sophomore Thomas Cormier will compete at 182.

"It is Jake's third year with the team, but his first year starting. He will do some solid things for us," Pratt said. "Tommy is another kid who just start-

ed us, but just like Ortiz, he also beat a kid who has been with us for two years to get into the starting lineup"

The Rams starting lineup will be rounded out by sophomore Austin Mandalain at 195 pounds and junior Jared Bishop of Wilmington at 285.

"Austin started as a freshman for us last year and he took his lumps, but that can happen for freshmen at the higher weight classes. It's a little of the same this year as well, but he is tough and he is strong. He will do well once he learns a little more," Pratt said. "John is really more of a 220-pound kid, but he is doing a nice job at this point. We might switch him back and forth with Santiago at 220, so that is a nice option to have."

Other wrestlers expected to contribute to the Rams this season include Tyler Manty of Tewksbury (113), junior Derek Musgrave of Tewksbury (138), senior Tayla Tildsley (145) and senior Toby Lage and Cullen Walsh of Wilmington, both at 182 pounds.

As is the case every season, the Rams will have a target on their back as the league favorites, but Pratt says that their path to a 15th straight title will not be easy.

"Greater Lowell and Whittier will both be very good," Pratt said. "Whittier gave us a good run last year, and both teams are always well coached. Also, Essex and Masco now have a co-op team, so they could be very good, and Greater Lawrence actually just knocked them off, so they could be very good as well."

The Rams will also face a very challenging non-league schedule, which will include foes like St. John's Prep, Natick, Springfield Central, Melrose and Tewksbury, among others. But, challenging schedule or not, new coaching staff or not, and young roster or not, the expectations remain very high for the Rams this season.

"The expectations are the same. The expectations are the expectations we always have for Shawsheen wrestling and that is to win the league, win the vocational tournament and then try to do well in sectionals," Pratt said. "This will be a challenging season. Wins are wins and losses are losses, but most importantly, we want to build these boys into men."

BLUE DEVIL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Team opened the 2021 season with a strong showing in New Hampshire at the Blue Devil Classic at Salem High School on Saturday, finishing in fourth place among 12 teams, totaling 121 points on the day.

As mentioned in the story above, freshman Sid Tildsley led the way for the Rams, going 4-0 on the

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This year's Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team once again has plenty of locals on the roster including front row from left, Damian Ortiz, Dante Graziano, Tyler Manty, Elijah LeFebvre and Logan Warwick all of Tewksbury, and back row from left, Cullen Walsh of Wilmington, Troy Warwick, Derek Musgrave, and Jason Scaingi of Tewksbury and Jared Bishop of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Longtime assistant Pratt takes over in an interim role

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BILLERICA -

Shawsheen Tech Athletic Director Al Costabile faced what seemed like an almost impossible task heading into the winter sports season, as he sought to find a new wrestling coach to take over for the legendary Mark Donovan, who had tragically died of cancer back in October the age of 55.

After all, how do you replace not only a legendary coach, but also one who had been lost to such tragic circumstances, leaving a grieving group of wrestlers behind? In almost any other circumstance, the task may have truly been impossible. But not at Shawsheen Tech, and certainly not in the wrestling room, where the obvious replacement was right in front of Costabile in the person of Donovan's long time assistant coach, Doug Pratt.

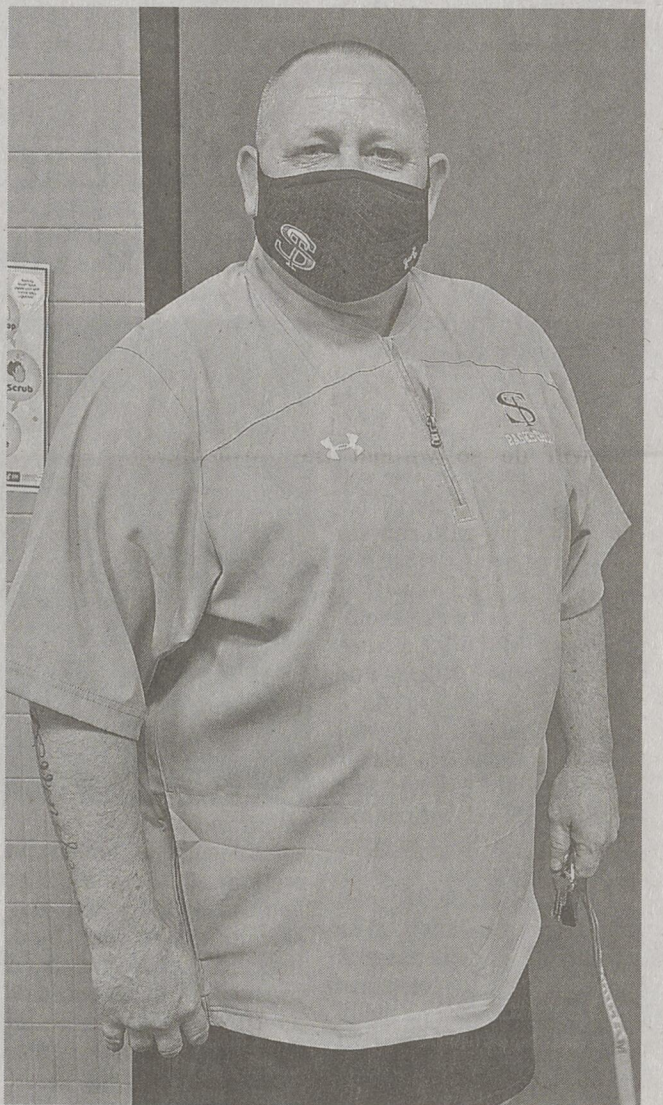
Pratt had been alongside Donovan for 31 of Donovan's 36 seasons for the Rams, helping him build one of the greatest wrestling programs in the state of Massachusetts, compiling nearly 600 wins and 28 Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships. If anybody knew and loved the Shawsheen Wrestling program as much as Donovan, it was certainly Pratt.

The only issue of course, was convincing Pratt to take the job. After all, the 1987 graduate of Shawsheen Tech had already agreed to take over as the Rams junior varsity basketball coach for the upcoming season, not to mention his role as the football team's offensive coordinator.

Pratt, ever loyal to Shawsheen, and of course ever loyal to Donovan, readily agreed to do whatever it takes to help the

wrestling program, and he will take over as the Rams head coach this season, hoping to carry on the great winning tradition that Donovan built. Costabile couldn't be more pleased to have Pratt in charge.

"That's the reason why I did it. I had gone over to basketball with Joe, but when Al came to me and asked how we should handle it, we all agreed that the best thing would be for me to stay with wrestling, rather than bring in a new



After 31 years as an assistant coach, Doug Pratt is taking over as the head wrestling coach at Shawsheen Tech on an interim basis, honoring his good friend Mark Donovan, who passed away in the fall. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

"Doug has been by coach Dinnie's side for over 30 years and he is the perfect choice to step into that role," Costabile said. "It is a very unique situation, and we are all very, very sad with how things are. But Doug will be perfect for this, because he is going to step in and give us the stability we need. Not only that, but he is a very experienced and knowledgeable coach."

While he was looking forward to becoming part of the Rams basketball coaching staff, Pratt knew that the reality was, the wrestling sidelines are where he belongs, at least for this season, while the team goes through what promises to be a very emotional season.

Thankfully, Shawsheen coaching staff is all pitching in to keep the basketball program running seamlessly as well. Joe Gore will remain as head coach of the varsity, while Bob Hodnett will move from his role as freshman coach to JV as well as a varsity assistant, and former varsity head coach Greg Bendel will return to the sidelines to coach the Rams freshman squad.

guy right away," Pratt said. "We will revisit it after this year, but we felt like it was really important to have that bridge year."

While Pratt is technically providing a bridge between Donovan and the next coach of the Rams, he is no interim coach, having built a long and illustrious career of his own, even being selected to the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2018, one of the very few assistant coaches ever selected for such an honor.

Donovan, who nominated Pratt for his selection back in 2018, knew how important his friend and assistant was to his success as a head coach.

"Doug is as much of a head coach as I am," Donovan said at the time of his selection. "I have said before that I am only as good as my coaching staff and I have a great staff. Doug is the heart of this program. The time and dedication he puts into this program is second to none. He is what this program is all about."

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The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team placed fourth at the Salem, NH Blue Devil Classic Tournament held this past weekend. (courtesy photo).

Four-time league champs have a goal to make it five in a row

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BILLERICA - With all of the changes to high school hockey last season, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team made sure that at least one thing remained consistent, namely the Rams winning another CAC championship, or at least a share of it, splitting the league title with Essex Tech, for their fourth consecutive league crown.

The Rams were 7-3-1 overall on the season, while they and Essex each went 5-1 in the CAC, splitting a pair of matchups, with the Rams winning a 1-0 thriller at Essex in the season finale on a late goal by Anthony Papa. Essex was the only team to really challenge the Rams in the league last season, as they outscored their opponents by a margin of 32-5 in their six league games.

For Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker, who is now entering his 16th season as coach of the Rams, he was proud of the way his team adjusted their season goals and stayed the course on their way to the league title.

"It was great getting a share of the league title. We had different goals besides getting into the tournament," Baker said. "They included the league title, but most of all, doing all the right things to make sure we did not get shut down as a program. We did just that and were able to get through the season. Shortened yes, but the kids got to play hockey and they were able to get a little normalcy back in life."

The Rams will be hoping to continue with some of that normalcy this season, as they take aim at another league title. They will do so without the aforementioned Papa, as well as a pair of Tewksbury residents in Sean Murphy and Connor Preble, all of whom were

lost to graduation, but they will also do so with a strong group of returning players.

"We lost some key guys but just like any other year, we just hope that someone steps up," Baker said. "We have a lot of talent on this team. Everyone just needs to step up, no matter what grade, and do what they are good at and not try to be a player they aren't. If we do that, I think we could be a very good team."

While lack of consistent scorekeeping in many venues last season prevented completely accurate statistics for the Rams, they were consistently led on offense by many of their returning players, including junior forward Nick Calouro of Tewksbury as well as sophomore Chase Darcy and junior Brady Darcy, while defensively they got some outstanding efforts on defense from junior Kevin Ackerly of Wilmington as well as senior Tom Sampson of Burlington.

"Those will definitely be players we are relying on, but we will be relying on every player that steps on the ice to do their job," Baker said.

Along with the players above, some of the returning players Baker and the Rams will be counting on most will be sophomore forward Liam Milne of Wilmington, senior forward Quinn Fallon of Burlington and sophomore forward Kyle Gray of Wilmington.

Defensively, along with Sampson and Ackerly, the Rams will also be looking for big seasons from senior Ryan Dusablon of Wilmington, along with sophomores Derek Nazarro of Tewksbury and Colin Lawson of Wilmington.

In goal, while the Rams were forced to say goodbye to Jared Palmer of Tewksbury, they bring back a strong trio of



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Hockey team has 11 local players from Wilmington including front row from left, Joe McLaren, and Tom Dalton; second row from left, Aydan Churchill, Kevin Ackerly, Colin Lawson, Kyle Gray, and Mike DeRose; and back row from left, Ryan Dusablon, Matt DiZoglio, Keenan Considine and Liam Milne. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

goalies in seniors Tom Dalton and Joey McLaren, both of Wilmington, as well as Aiden MacLeod of Burlington. Baker skillfully dodged the question as to who, if anybody, had taken the early lead for the number one goalie spot.

"We plan to start the goalie who wants the job. Nobody has really proven that they want it," Baker said. "Well maybe one, but it's still too early to tell. Time will tell as to

who wants the start Thursday against Methuen (season opener)."

Dusablon will be the Rams captain, while Sampson and fellow senior Aydan Churchill of Wilmington will serve as assistant captains. Dusablon and Churchill were also captains for the Rams recently completed football season, and Baker is confident that the two of them, along with Sampson, have what it takes to lead the Rams

on and off the ice as well. "They are hard working kids," Baker said. "They lead by being vocal but most of the time lead by example."

The Rams will obviously be one of the favorites to win the league, but Baker is taking nothing for granted, as he knows there will be plenty of competition for the top spot.

"Essex is loaded. They are drawing from some great hockey towns," Baker said. Northeast is

always a battle."

While eager to defend their league title, Baker and the Rams are also looking forward to the chance to play in the post season this year with the return of the MIAA Tournament.

"We are all excited. We can't wait to get going next week," Baker said. "The kids deserve this, enough has been taken away from them over the past year and a half."

In the pool, Rams hoping to remain dominant

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BILLERICA - The Shawsheen Tech Co-Ed Swim team has built an incredible winning tradition over the past decade, with the girls team winning 11 consecutive state vocational titles from 2011-2020, while the boys won four titles of their own, including three in a row from 2018-2020. They did this through tremendous talent of course, but also through tremendous depth with a large and deep roster.

Things are a little different this season for the Rams. Not that they don't still have some talented swimmers on both the boys and girls side, but they have been hit hard by graduation, losing a large batch of seniors of last

year's squad.

Shawsheen coach Rick Menard, entering his ninth season as head coach of the Rams, has presided over numerous titles for both the boys and girls teams, and while he knows this year will have a different look for his team, he says their approach remains the same.

"Just like the Patriots are doing, we are hoping to rebuild on the fly this season. Losing a huge senior class and not having much of a core of returning underclassmen due to Covid restrictions last season is a task we are working to overcome," Menard said. "We are very fortunate to have our winning formula in our DNA though. All those straight girls' titles and a shorter, but impressive,

run of boys titles are literally looming over us every day in the pool."

Menard also had another Patriots analogy for his team as they head into the season, one that he hopes will carry them through this season, just as it has in seasons past.

"I always get strange looks when I say my favorite quote at swim practice 'Athletes swim; everyone else just plays games!'," Menard said. "This season we will need to be sure we are focused on this team to build athletes, there is no time to play games. We have, not unlike the Pats, a handful of 'character athletes' who keep us moving in the right direction, the group who come to train hard every day and set an example."

One of those character

athletes that Menard will be counting on this season will be senior Hannah Grimes, along with fellow senior Tyler Kopacz of Tewksbury.

"Hannah is a kid we can count on to put in the work and cheer on her teammates when she isn't in the water racing," Menard said. "Tyler is a gutsy veteran, who goes to get treatment at the trainer, then swim, then stretch, then swim, then ice, then race, then repeat."

The Rams other seniors, Kevin Stevens and captain Kasey McFadden will also provide some much needed experience to an otherwise relatively young Rams roster.

"Kevin and Kasey are our legacy type of kids," Menard said. "They are knocking the rust off after

a COVID shortened junior year but are fundamentally sound and know what it is going to take to get us back to where we need to be to take on the rest of the league."

Because of having such a thin roster, the seniors, like many others on the team will be competing in a number of events, with Kopacz competing in the mixed 200-medley relay and the 400-mixed freestyle relay, as well as the mixed 100-butterfly and the mixed 500-freestyle. Grimes, meanwhile will compete in the mixed 50-freestyle, as well as the mixed 200-freestyle relay, Stevens will compete in the mixed 200-medley relay, as well as the mixed 200-freestyle relay and the mixed 100-breaststroke, while McFadden will be in the water for the mixed 200-freestyle relay, the mixed 100-butterfly and the mixed 400-freestyle relay.

The Rams also have several newcomers to the team, with juniors Leah Casey, Adam Doucot Jasmine Johansen and Jared Krueger, all from Tewksbury. In reality, these swimmers were with the Rams last season, but did not get much experience due to the shortened season, so this will be their first true full season with the team.

"The four of them are all poised to do some great things this year and I think are the keys to our transition into a bright future," Menard said. "Those kids are the ones who are bridging the gap between the seniors we lost last year and the seniors we are losing, to the very raw but talented group of rookies."

Casey and Doucot will each compete in the mixed 200-freestyle, while Casey will also compete in the mixed 200-freestyle relay and the mixed 400-freestyle relay, while Doucot will also compete in the mixed 100 backstroke. Krueger will compete in the mixed 200-medley relay, the missed 100-butterfly and the mixed 500-freestyle, while Johansen will compete in the mixed 50-freestyle.

The talented rookies that Menard referred to includes freshmen Alisa Lavino of Wilmington, Makayla Nolan of Tewksbury and Ethan Melanson.

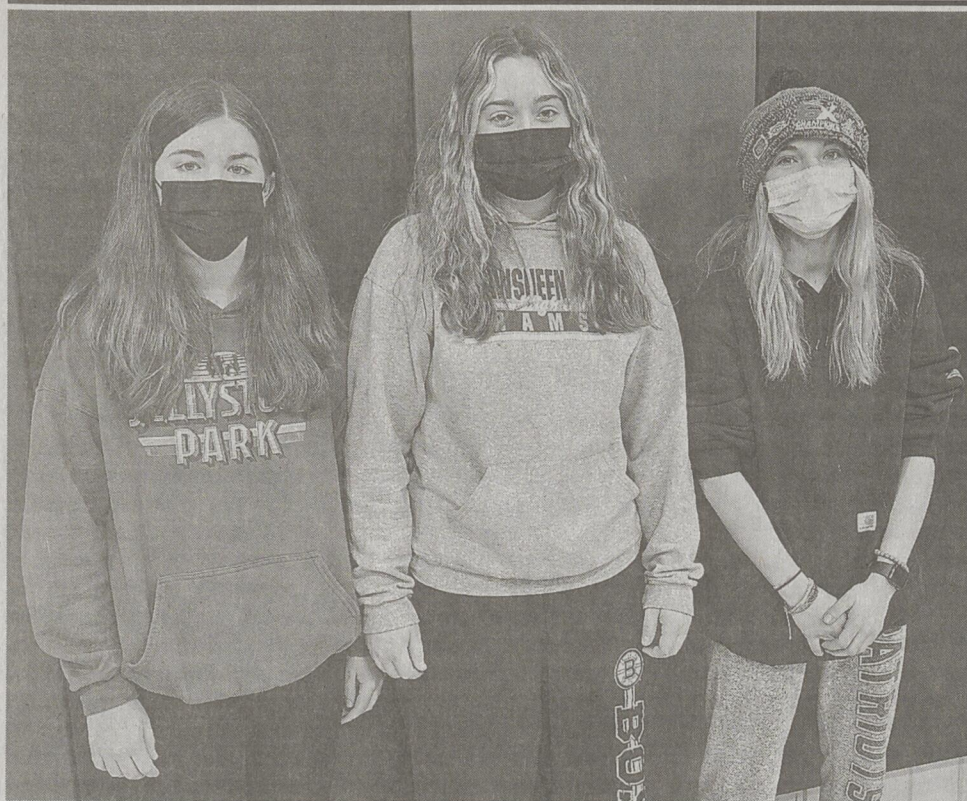
"Each of those kids have stepped into a situation where we are doing a lot of work in a very short amount of time but have flourished," Menard said. "In our very first meet they all not only raced effectively with excellent technical skills, but also helped the team stay close against a much stronger GBL team from Revere."

"Alisa and Makayla are going to be key in keeping the girls Voke State Title streak intact because we are going to struggle with so few girls returning this season. Ethan in just his second day with the team is already showing that he could be in the conversation for a top relay spot in what is shaping up to be a very deep boys' team."

"This season is going to be tough, we are in the same boat as everyone else with the 'gap year' I'm sure, but I think the core kids will really help set the tone for the future."



The locals on the Shawsheen Tech co-ed swim team include from left, Adam Doucot, Leah Casey and Jasmine Johansen of Tewksbury, Alisa Lavino of Wilmington, and Makayla Nolan, Kasey McFadden and Jared Krueger, all of Tewksbury. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey team includes local players from left, Corinne Foley of Tewksbury and Paige Fuller and Alexis Fox, both of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

On the ice, Rams striving for improvement and better results

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BILLERICA - Last season was a unique one in many ways for the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford Girls Hockey team. First of all, of course, it was unique in the same way it was for every other team, with an abbreviated season, as well as some other rule changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The other thing that was rather unique for the Rams was that they were able to experience some success on the ice. After struggling the previous two seasons to a 2-32-2 record, the Rams doubled that win total in just one abbreviated season, going 4-5 on the campaign, taking a positive step in the right direction for the program.

That Rams 4-5 record came under the direction of long time coach Bob Roach, who resigned prior to this season. Taking over for Roach will be Kate O'Shea, a 2015 graduate of Shawsheen Tech, and a four-year member of the varsity hockey team, who scored over 100 points in her career for the Rams.

O'Shea had been Roach's assistant for the past two seasons. The leader behind the bench may have changed for the Rams, but the goal remains the same, as they will look to make another run at the .500 mark on the season.

"We had a good group of girls. We had some eighth graders and young players, along with some players with some good experience to go along with them," O'Shea said. "So, we are hoping to build off last year. We lost a couple of girls, but we also had a lot of girls gain some valuable experience. We have a lot of girls this season with the mindset that we can qualify for the tournament. It is a hard working group right now, so hopefully we can bring that to the games as well."

As O'Shea mentioned, the Rams did lose some key players, including three-year captain Emily Sartori of Tewksbury to

graduation. The Rams also suffered a couple of other big losses, as both star eighth grade goalie Kaitlin Sacco as well as star forward and top scorer, freshman Isabella King, transferred to prep schools to continue their hockey and academic careers.

There is still plenty of reason for optimism for the Rams, however, as they bring back a talented group of players from last year's squad, while they have also gotten an infusion of new talent with some new players who hope to contribute to another successful season for the Rams.

"We bring in some good freshmen who decided to play for the high school," O'Shea said. "We have some players who have played for the East Coast Wizards and the Vipers, so we have some players who bring some good experience to the team."

Along with the incoming freshmen, the Rams will also be looking for some of their veteran leaders to take their game to an even higher level, starting with their tri-captains, sophomore defenseman Laney Mead, junior defenseman/forward Kelsey Giordano and senior forward Amber Hurley.

"Laney got some great experience or us last season. She is strong on the puck and she is always looking for a positive result," O'Shea said. "She has a very hard and accurate shot from the point. If she doesn't hit the net every time, she is mad at herself."

Hurley and Giordano will provide not only leadership, but an offensive spark as well, although Giordano will begin her season on the blue line.

"Amber takes over for Emily at the center position. She played for the Wizards the whole off season, and she got stronger on the puck and really improved her game," O'Shea said. "Kelsey has been kind of a floater for us, playing both defense and forward. The plan initially was to have her at forward, but we are going to have her at defense to

start off. I think she will do well there for us."

Another pair of returning players for the Rams will be senior forward Ashley Talbot of Tewksbury, as well as sophomore forward Paige Fuller of Wilmington.

"Ashley has been playing well. She is fighting for a spot on the second line. We are hoping for a big senior season from her," O'Shea said. "Paige has a hard shot and she will be part of a strong second line for us."

The Rams will also be looking for contributions this season from freshmen defensemen Corrine Foley of Tewksbury and Alyssa Constantillo of Wilmington as well as freshmen forwards Mia Pace and Christina Tsoukalas. Sophomores who will be helping the Rams cause include forward Alexis Fox of Wilmington, as well as fellow forwards Charlotte Dreyfus, Jane Stewart and Anna Mceachern, along with defenseman Healy Weisman.

The Rams do suffer a tough loss in net with the departure of Sacco, but sophomore goalie Elianna Munroe saw a lot of playing time last season for the Rams and proved herself to be very capable between the pipes. O'Shea is looking for her to build on her promising freshman campaign.

"Elianna has been doing a good job for us," O'Shea said. "She worked hard in the off season and she already looks better than last season."

O'Shea knows that her first season as head coach will be challenge as the Rams try to build on last season's success, but she is confident her team is headed in the right direction.

"I feel like we are off to a good start and we are prepped and ready for the start of the season," O'Shea said. "We are picking up the pace of the game and the girls are ready to take off."

The Rams opened the season with a couple of lopsided defeats, losing to Beverly 8-1 and Winthrop 10-1.

Former star player O'Shea, named new head coach

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BILLERICA - When Kate O'Shea was a player for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Hockey team, putting together a fantastic four-year career which saw her score 107 career points before graduating in 2015, she left an indelible mark on the history of the Rams program, which has often struggled over the past decade plus in terms of wins and losses, posting just a 34-143-10 record from 2011-2020.

But in her junior year of 2014, when she paired with fellow 100-point scorer Kennedy Harper, the Rams went 11-8-2 and made their only tournament appearance of the decade, winning a preliminary round game over Scituate before being eliminated by traditional powerhouse Wellesley.

Now as the new head coach of the Rams, O'Shea is hoping to return that winning tradition to the program that she loves, as she takes over for former head coach Bob Roach, who led the Rams for most of the past 12 years before stepping down this past off season. It will certainly not be an easy task, but it is one that she is eagerly looking forward to.

"I am very excited to get started," O'Shea said recently in the days leading up to the start of the season. "I have played hockey my whole life, so staying connected to the game is a very big thing and staying connected with the girls on this team is a very big thing as well."

After graduating in 2015 as the program's second all-time leading scorer, the Billerica native took her talents to Nichols College where she once again put together a terrific career, earning Colonial Hockey Conference (CHC) Academic All-Conference honors in her senior season of 2019. Throughout her career at Nichols, O'Shea always looked back fondly on her time at Shawsheen, where she played under Roach, so after graduation when the opportunity arose to become Roach's assistant coach, she jumped at it, eager to learn all she could about coaching.

"I came back from college and I reached out to coach Roach to be a volunteer, and it is turned out he needed an assistant coach, so I thought what better way to learn than at Shawsheen, with coach Roach," O'Shea said.

While the Rams struggled in her first season as an assistant under Roach, scuffling to a 2-14 record, they began to turn things around during this past season's abbreviated campaign going 4-5, and giving hope that the program may be on the rise.

"That is a big part of the reason why I enjoy being here," O'Shea said. "I have been here before, and been part of the program. I have been through the ups and downs, so to see where I came from to where the program is now, is amazing. We had a good year last year, so we are hoping carry that over to this season."

Shawsheen Tech Athletic Director Al Costabile is

confident that O'Shea has what it takes to lead the Rams for many years to come. While does not bring a great deal of experience to the job, Costabile feels the intangibles she brings to the bench will be invaluable in leading the program going forward.

"Kate will bring a lot of passion to the job. She is very energetic and she will be able to relate to the girls, having played in high school and college, and being part of their same generation," Costabile said. "We are happy to give her a start. Everybody needs to start somewhere and she showed she is ready for it with the job she has done as an assistant the past two seasons."

O'Shea is hoping that her being closer in age to many of her players will prove to be an asset in the early going of her career while she continues to gain the experience that will help her as she continues her career.

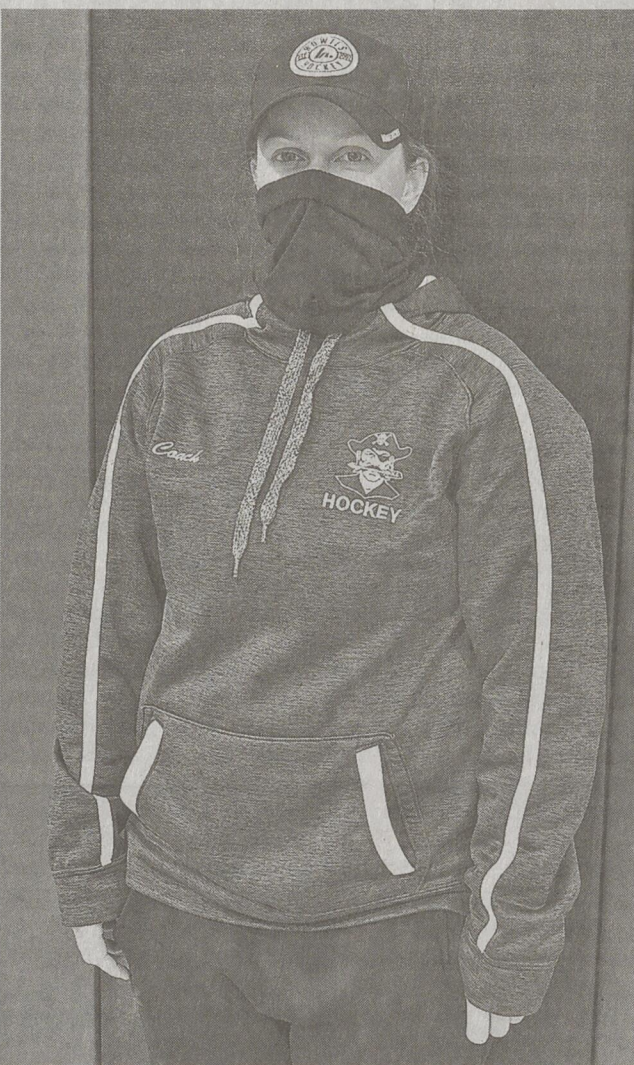
"I definitely think it will help," O'Shea said. "That

While following along with Roach's basic philosophy, she also has plenty of ideas of her own to bring to the table, many of which she learned while at Nichols, an experience which she calls difficult, but also life changing.

"Playing in college was definitely more challenging than I expected. It is a huge step up in competition," O'Shea said. "You are in the weight room every day at 5:00 am, and then you go to class, and then after that, it is practice. It is a very long season and it is very demanding, but if you are committed to it, it is great. It was the best four years of my life."

Now, O'Shea is bringing that same commitment to her new role as head coach. While her hockey knowledge has never been in question, the role of head coach is a new one, and she has been grateful for the help of her two veteran assistant coaches, Mike Giordano and Rachel Desilets.

"It was definitely a little



Former player Kate O'Shea takes over as the new girls hockey coach at Shawsheen Tech. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

was a big thing when I was interviewed. I am very young and I have never coached but I just recently stopped playing, and I can pass that experience on to my players. I can definitely relate to the players on a different level, since I just stopped playing."

With that said, O'Shea will also be using plenty of the lessons that she learned during her time at Shawsheen, playing and coaching under Roach, particularly his team first philosophy that he maintained throughout his career.

"Coach Roach always stressed keeping the girls together and that we are all one team," O'Shea said. "It doesn't matter where we came from before, on the ice, we are all together. We need to work hard and play together. It is always just us together as a team. That always stuck with me. I want to make it enjoyable the way he always did."

stressful at the beginning, because I didn't know a lot of the behind the scenes responsibilities that come along with being the head coach," O'Shea said. "But coach Giordano and coach Desilets have been a huge help. It also helps that I know some of the girls from the past couple of seasons with the team, and I know how they play and the attitudes they bring to the team."

As far as the attitude she is looking for from her players it is multifold, of course, but mainly O'Shea wants her players to always be great teammates to each other.

"I expect hard work and dedication from the girls," O'Shea said. "Obviously, school comes first over sports, but if you are going to make a commitment to a team, you have to be willing to work. It's okay to lose a game, as long as we are working hard. If we do that, the wins will come."

Longtime assistant Pratt takes over

FROM B8W

He is a great coach and a great friend, and I am glad the Hall of Fame got to see what I see."

For his part, Pratt will argue with anyone who tries to put him on Donovan's level in terms of building the program, deferring credit for the team's success to his long time mentor.

"It's beyond measure what Mark has done for this program. He was the guy, and now we want to keep it going for him," Pratt said. "We were almost always on the same page. Mark knew to give a hug if he needed a hug, and be demanding if he needed to be demanding. This was his program. He built it."

Pratt can defer all he wants, but the fact is, he brings much of the same coaching philosophy and many of the same skills as Donovan to the wrestling room, and Costabile feels like he will be able to use those skills to make him just as successful in the head coaching role as he was as an assistant.

"Doug has a very similar mindset as Mark, which will make things more comfortable for the kids," Costabile. "It will not be a culture shock for them. He brings a lot of passion and a lot of knowledge of the sport, so we are very fortunate that he can pick up where Mark left off."

Pratt also feels very fortunate to have three very capable assistant coaches alongside him for his first year as head coach, with former Minuteman head coach Brian Tildsley and former Melrose assistant coach Nick Gamble, along with fellow veteran wrestling coaches Mike Gianchi and Rob McIsaac, all helping out in the room.

"I am very fortunate to have them with me, because they bring a ton of experience and knowledge," Pratt said. "We want to continue doing things how we do them, but at the same time, it is important to bring in a lot of new staff to help build the program to be even better than what it is."

Wrestlers take fourth at Blue Devil Classic

FROM B8W

day to win the 132-pound championship, winning by pin in the finals over a very tough opponent from Nashua South. Saturday marked the high school wrestling debut for Tildsley.

Tildsley was not alone in his fine showing, however, as sophomore Brayton Carbone earned a third place finish at 113 pounds, while senior captains Lucien Tremblay at 120 pounds and Xavier Santiago at 220 pounds, each earned second place finishes.

Another member of the Tildsley family also made his high school wrestling debut, as eighth grader James Tildsley suited up for Billerica High, and made an immediate impact, winning the title at 106 pounds. James was undefeated on the day with big wins over a wrestler from Central Catholic and Spaulding Vermont, both by pinfall.

The Tildsleys' may be new to high school wrestling, but they are no strangers to the local wrestling community. Both boys have been competing on the youth circuit for close to a decade. They train out of the legendary Doughboy Wrestling club in Lowell.

Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball Preview

On the court, talented squad gearing up for a big season

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BILLERICA - Heading into last season, Shawsheen Tech Basketball coach Joe Gore and his staff knew they had a talented team on their hands, one they felt could certainly compete in a challenging Commonwealth Athletic Conference. But they also figured that perhaps they were about a year away from truly competing for the top of the league, with a still relatively young roster.

As it turned out, they were almost right about their team, as the Rams certainly were a talented squad ready to compete in the CAC. The one part they got a little wrong was the timing, as the Rams not only competed well in the CAC, they actually tied for the regular season league title with Lowell Catholic, going 10-2 on the campaign while splitting a pair of meetings, before the two teams agreed to face off in a winner take all game after the season to determine a league champion.

Unfortunately for the Rams, a hot shooting Lowell Catholic squad took the league title that day in a game played at Shawsheen Tech. But even with the loss in the de facto championship game, Gore, who is now entering his third season as head coach of the Rams, was thrilled with the progress his team made last season.

"Two years ago, when we took the team over, we knew we had a very young, but a very talented team," Gore said. "We really peaked one year earlier than we thought we would, but that was because everyone bought

in and connected, so because of that we were able to have a very good season."

As good as last season was for the Rams, the even better news for them is that while they were forced to say goodbye to some key players like James Genetti and Jake Tyler, they bring back most of last year's team, as they attempt to make another run at the CAC title.

"We are super excited for what we are bringing back and we are very excited to get underway," Gore said. "We lose some good scoring with Genetti and Tyler, but this is a group we are very excited about. We are absolutely looking to win the league title. That is our goal. We also scheduled a very tough non-league schedule to help prepare us for the league schedule. We have set our expectations very high for this season."

One of the biggest reasons for Gore and the coaching staff's optimism is senior point guard Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury, a two-time CAC All-Star, who has become one of the best players in the CAC. Gore believes that Perez has a future playing beyond Shawsheen Tech, but before that happens, he is looking for another big year from his talented point guard.

"Jeremy is getting some looks from Division 3 schools. We are hoping he can lead us this season," Gore said. "He can score very well, but he is really an old school, true point guard, who makes everyone around him better. He is also one of the better defenders in the league. We are really hoping he can propel us to the league title."

Joining Perez in the backcourt will be senior Jeff Kelly, giving Gore a duo that he is very confident will have a very successful season.

"They are one of the better back courts in the area. We are really excited to see what they can do this season," Gore said. "Jeff got some minutes for us last season as a sophomore, but he has probably worked harder than any kid I can remember in our program. He has been in the weight room five days a week and he works with a shooting coach multiple days per week. He is fully committed to his craft, so we are excited to see more growth from him this season."

While they are strong in the back court, the Rams will also be talented up front with 6'5 junior center Aiden MacLeod as well as junior forward Mavrick Bourdeau.

"Aiden has developed his footwork and post moves over the past year and he is gaining confidence all the time. We are expecting big things from him," Gore said. "Mavrick brings a ton of energy on both sides of the ball. His speed and athleticism will be huge for us."

Another key player for the Rams will be senior forward Tim Sweeney, whom Gore sees as having the potential to be the top player in the CAC.

"Tim will be an x-factor for us. If we want to win our league and have a great season, he will be a key for us," Gore said. "If he can get comfortable on the wing with his offensive abilities, he will have a great season. He has the potential to be the league MVP."

Another pair of players who will see key minutes



The Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team will be led by local players, from left, Tim Sweeney and Jeremy Perez of Tewksbury and Aiden MacLeod of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

for the Rams will be freshman guard Frank Moron as well as junior guard Gianni Zompa.

"Frank played with the Middlesex Magic AAU team and he is one of the smartest players on the court. He is very athletic and he is going to contribute immediately for us. We are very excited to have him," Gore said. "Gianni has the ability to come off the bench for us and get us ten to 15 points in bursts."

The Rams captains will be Kelly, Perez and Bourdeau, along with fellow senior Adam Quattrocchi, all of whom Gore believes will provide excellent leadership for their teammates.

"Their leadership off the court made it a no brainer for us," Gore said. "They are four kids who define leading by example. They are just relentless in their leadership whether it is in the gym or getting the

kids together to play. They lead by example, and that is why the other kids bought in and that makes our job a lot easier as coaches."

One of the things that the coaches and players are most excited about this season will be welcoming fans back to the gym after having no spectators last season. Gore is particularly happy to be welcoming fans back to the Rams newly named Mark Donovan Gymnasium.

"The fact that we are allowed to have fans in our gym is great," Gore said. "Also, every time we step on the court, we will see that we are playing at the Mark Donovan Gymnasium, so that will always be special for us. He was a wrestling coach, but he was always our biggest supporter. He was a symbol of working hard and out working your opponents. We hope to go

out and represent coach Donovan well, and compete for the league title."

The Rams have gotten off to a 1-1 start to the season, with a 40-30 win over CAC rival Whittier in their season opener last Friday night in a road game. Shawsheen was led by senior captain Adam Austin Quattrocchi, who had 12 points and eight rebounds, while junior captain Mavrick Bourdeau chipped in with ten points of his own.

Shawsheen followed up their season opener with a tough loss to strong Chelmsford team on Tuesday night, falling by a score of 82-54. Senior captain Jeremy Perez led the way for the Rams with 23 points, while freshman Frank Moron added 17 points in a losing cause.

Reigning league champs, shooting for another title

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BILLERICA - Over the past couple of seasons, many players and coaches have missed out on a lot due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of those most affected this past basketball season was Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball coach Kate Marshall, who was forced to miss the Rams season, a season which saw Shawsheen go 10-2 under the direction of former junior varsity coach Sam St. George to capture the CAC title.

While she was not on the sidelines for the Rams, Marshall was still very much involved with the team, and she is back on

the sidelines this season, along with St. George, eager to once again lead a Rams team that will be primed to defend their title. Marshall was very impressed with what her team accomplished last season and grateful for the efforts of the coaching staff. She is also thrilled to be back for what she feels like can be another very good season for the Rams.

"Unfortunately, due to a medical condition I had to work remotely last year until I was able to receive a vaccination in the spring. It was the first time since I was five years old, that I wasn't on a basketball court in some capacity in the winter months," Marshall said.

"I video conferenced the players after games and did recaps for the team with notes, but it wasn't anything compared to what the other two coaches put into the season. Luckily my best friend, and former JV coach, Sam St. George stepped up, as did Kim Barriss (daughter of former 30-year coach Dick Barriss) and they managed the season flawlessly. They rolled with the punches, maintained COVID protocols and were able to bring the program immense success."

While Marshall has returned to the sideline this season, some of the Rams key players will not, as the team lost six players to graduation, includ-

ing co-captains Shelby Bourdeau and Susanna Gillis, who were the team's statistical leaders in almost every category, as well as being great leaders for the team. Bourdeau has since moved on to play at Worcester State, and both players will be greatly missed by the Rams.

"Bourdeau and Gillis were a very unique duo and I don't think their partnership can be replaced" - instead we want to find new players who can rise to the occasion this season," Marshall said. "Losing six seniors has left a big gap in our program, so we are definitely in a rebuilding season, but we've got a lot of young talent that

coach St. George and myself are really excited about."

Among the players the Rams are most excited about are their quad captains, including junior Kerry Brown, as well as seniors Karissa Rogato, Danielle Wilson and Tewksbury's Ella Malvone.

"Kerry has made immense strides in our program. She is a coach's dream when it comes to explaining something once, and her making immediate adjustments to her game. Basketball is not her primary sport, but due to her athleticism and natural leadership abilities, we are excited to see what Kerry produces this season," Marshall said. "Karissa is a spitfire. She is may be small in stature, but she is mighty. If there is one word to describe Karissa it would be 'fearless' on the court. She will drive to the hoop against any defender and sacrifice her body to get to the free throw line. If she could be on the court for every minute of the game she would be."

Marshall has been equally impressed with her other two captains, Wilson and Malvone.

"Danielle (Wilson) was unable to play last season, and has come back better than ever. She has a quiet calmness about her that keeps her teammates in check, but once she steps on the court, she knows how to turn on the heat," Marshall said. "She's a very fun player to watch because she will continue to try new things to improve her game and always seeks out the coaches advice on how to improve."

"Ella Malvone is another great asset to the team. She's a ball handler, outside shooter, and all-around motivator for the girls. She's also one of the

most competitive players we have and that's always something nice to have when the games get close and you know she's going to go out there and give it 110%."

The captains will not be alone in trying to lead the Rams to a successful season, as Marshall will also be looking to junior guard Lindsay McCarthy as well as junior forward Kiley McFadden.

Lindsay has continued to develop in this program. She's got an IQ for the game and we continue to encourage her to be one of our outside shooters. When her three-point shot is on, she adds an extra element to our game," Marshall said. "Kiley is another player like Kerry (Brown). Basketball may not be her primary sport, but her athleticism and toughness on the court has continued to impress Coach St. George and I. She is great at the boards and battles it out against some of the tallest girls in the league to fight for rebounds."

Other players expected to contribute to the Rams this season include sophomore guard/forward Lilly Dulong, junior guard Mia Bisso, and junior forwards Emma Spencer and Kali Spooner, along with freshmen newcomers Fiona Rexford, Izzy Ferguson and Emma Lanziero.

Despite suffering some tough losses to their lineup, Marshall and St. George are looking forward to another good season, albeit with a bit of a different look.

"I think the goal is always to have a successful season. We have made some tweaks to our program, for instance we are now 'co-coaching' which means coach St. George and I are coaching both



This year's Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team includes local players from left, Emily Freitas of Wilmington, Kiley McFadden, Danielle Wilson, Mia Bisso, and Emma Lanziero of Tewksbury, and Ella Malvone of Wilmington. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Accolades continue to pour in for fall collegiate athletes

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The accolades continue to come for a number of our local fall collegiate athletes. Over the last few weeks, the Town Crier has written about various awards that individuals have received, but the hardware keeps coming in for a small group of them.

SOCCER

The New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association announced its NCAA Division III 2021 All-New England Team and graduate student Sarah Berube was named to the First Team.

The team, which was voted on by NCAA Division III coaches from colleges and universities in New England, is comprised of a First Team, Second Team and a Third Team. Several voting ties have extended the size of some teams to appropriately honor all players tabbed by the coaches. Overall, the NEWISA All-New England Team highlights 41 players.

"I'm so happy for Sarah," said head coach Brienne Smith. "She had an outstanding season and career here at Clark. I'm thrilled to see her recognized by the coaches in the New England. This individual honor is another testament to a great team effort this fall. We look forward to building on this success next year!"

Berube, a back from Wilmington, Mass., also was named to the All-NEWMAC First Team and earned a spot on the NEWISA Division III Senior Bowl Team. Berube started all 18 matches the team played this season, was the teams primary corner taker, and helped the



defense post five shutouts.

The back was tied for the team lead with four assists this season and also added goals in games against Wellesley and Smith. The goal against Wellesley was a game-winning goal in overtime. Berube dished out a pair of assists in a 3-2 win over Springfield. She earned NEWMAC Offensive Athlete of the Week on October 18.

Over at Bentley College, Dana Goulet (Wilmington,



DANA GOULET

Goulet, a senior midfielder, was named second team All-East Region by

the United Soccer Coaches. She was also voted first team All-New England by the New England Women's Intercollegiate Soccer Association.

Hassapis, a graduate student goalkeeper, was voted third team All-East Region by the United Soccer Coaches.

A team captain this season, Goulet started all 17 of Bentley's matches and led the team in minutes played. Along with junior midfielder Brooke Jones, the two tied for the team lead in each of goals (5), assists (3) and points (13). Three of Goulet's goals this season were game-winners.

Goulet was previously named first team All-Northeast-10 back in November.

Both student-athletes helped Bentley to another strong season. The team went 8-6-3 overall, finished in third in the NE10 standings and just narrowly missed out on a second straight NCAA Tournament bid.

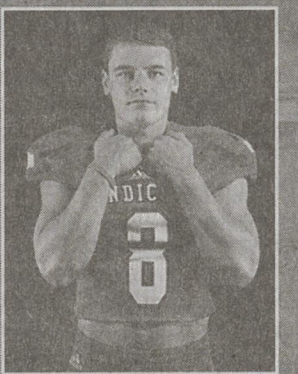
FOOTBALL

Four members of the Endicott football program have earned D3football.com All-Region I honors, including Tewksbury's Shane Aylward, who was named

to the second team.

The Gulls' four selections also tied the program record for the most honorees in a single season (2010, 2019).

Student-athletes were nominated by the Sports Information Directors (SIDs) at their various



SHANE AYLWARD
SOPHOMORE / WR / #8
2ND TEAM - OFFENSE

schools. In total, 1,036 student-athletes were nominated for the 17th installment of D3football.com's All-Region teams.

All-Region teams were selected in balloting by SIDs in each region and D3football.com staff.

All student-athletes nominated for All-Region are eligible to be considered for the D3football.com All-America Team. The 2021 D3football.com All-America team will be

announced Friday, December 17, at the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl.

Aylward notched 65 receptions for 712 yards and five touchdowns in his debut season (11 games played).

For his efforts, Aylward was named the CCC Football Offensive Rookie of the Year earlier this season. He is just the third student-athlete in program history to earn award joining Ryan Mrozek (offensive lineman) and Endicott Hall of Fame running back Michael Lane '12 on the list.

Aylward also is the first wide receiver in the conference to haul in Offensive Rookie of the Year honors since 2016 (all running backs selected between then and now).

His overall conference ranks include: receptions (1st), yards (4th), yards per game (5th, 64.7), yards per catch (8th, 11.0), touchdowns (6th). Meanwhile, his conference-only games rank as follows: receptions (1st, 42), yards (3rd, 424), yards per game (3rd, 70.7), yards per catch (11th, 10.1), touchdowns (9th, 2).

Nationally, Aylward is No. 71 in receptions per game (5.6) and No. 126 in receiving yards.

This is Aylward's first career All-Region award. He is only the third wide receiver in program history to be named to a D3football.com All-Region team, joining Nate Lewis '15 (Acushnet, Mass.) and Alec Matys '16 (Woburn, Mass.).

FIELD HOCKEY

Johnson & Wales Field Hockey senior Jillian Miele, also of Wilmington, earned two postseason awards from the National Field Hockey Coaches'

Association. Miele was one of 16 student-athletes named to the Division III All-Region First Team. She was also selected to the National Division III Senior Team, which encompasses all regions and has 60 seniors on the team.

Miele led the Wildcats to



JILL MIELE

their first ever Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship in 2021. Her game winning penalty stroke in the semifinals gave JWU its first championship berth. On the season, Miele totaled 26 goals and 14 assists, good for 66 points. She broke the all-time points record and is the current holder with 146 in her career.

LAMOTHE HONORED

A total of 55 Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC) student-athletes have been recognized for their outstanding sportsmanship as members of the 2021 Fall Sportsmanship Team.

The MASCAC Sportsmanship Team is intended to recognize one student-athlete from each team, in every sport that best demonstrates the values of the MASCAC and its Sportsmanship Statement, regardless of their overall performance or statistics for the season.

In volleyball, Tewksbury resident Brooke Lamothe of Worcester State was one of the honorees.

TRACK UPDATES

Senior Patrick Carleton (Tewksbury, Mass.) took first place in the men's mile on Saturday evening as the Worcester State men's track and field team opened their 2021-22 season at the Joe Donahue Games Opener at Reggie Lewis Center.

Carleton ran the mile in 4:36.80 to top the field, while teammate Colin Brennan (Newbury, Mass.) was third (5:12.22).

On the women's side, Junior Caitlin Conneely (Tewksbury, Mass.) took fifth in the mile (5:58.60).

Girls Hoop to defend title

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the JV and Varsity teams together with 50/50 roles," Marshall said. "We have each done both roles now and with all the young prospects, we wanted to equally invest in our program as a whole. I think that this new way of doing things will help lead to a season of successes, and give us the ability to move players up into varsity spots throughout the season."

The Rams got their season off to a strong start last Friday night with a 48-37 home win over Whittier, as Shawsheen overcame a slow start to come away with the impressive victory. Senior captain Karissa Rogato led the way for the Rams with 25 points, while fellow senior captain Kerry Brown chipped in with 11 points and five rebounds.

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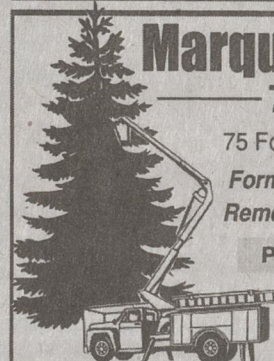
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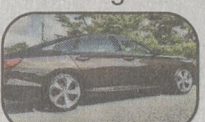
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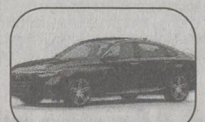
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Zoning Bylaw Committee seeks input on draft zoning bylaw for Town Meeting

TEWKSBURY — The Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw Committee seeks input on the draft zoning bylaw to be considered at annual Town Meeting 2022. It can be found here: <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/zoning-bylaw-committee> and click on "Final Zoning Draft" in the left-hand column.

The Committee held an open public forum on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021 in the Main Hall at the

Tewksbury Town Hall at 6 p.m.

In order for the Committee to evaluate concerns of the proposed zoning bylaw, it would be beneficial to have specific references to the proposed zoning bylaw which present issues. Specific references will add to a more meaningful dialogue in this effort to correct the problems that exist in the current zoning bylaw.

Human remains found in Wakefield identified

WAKEFIELD — Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan and Wakefield Chief of Police Steven Skory have confirmed that the human remains located in Wakefield on Dec. 7, 2021 have been positively identified as Patrick Shea, 68 of Wakefield.

On Dec. 7, a crew surveying wetlands in a wooded area behind Wakefield High School

located apparent skeletal remains and notified local police. The Chief Office of the Medical Examiner subsequently was able to identify the remains as those of Shea who had been reported missing in May of 2020.

The preliminary investigation did not indicate foul play. A ruling on the cause and manner of death is still pending.

Lifestyle



Enjoy CHRISTMASTIME in the City of Boston

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

As the Christmas holiday quickly approaches, many of us are in need of a good, full day of serious Christmas shopping.

Instead of turning to the old standbys of the big box stores, the local mall, and the impersonal online stores, consider treating yourself to a day of holiday fun and shopping in the City of Boston.

Just a quick 30 minute ride down Route 93 (or even better, avoiding the traffic with a leisurely ride on the commuter rail) will bring a wealth of shopping opportunities surrounded by that one of a kind feeling only Christmastime in the city can bring.

Your first stop for holiday shopping should be the obvious Downtown Crossing. Perhaps Boston's most recognized landmark for retail shopping, Downtown Crossing, located at 24 Winter St., features city street shopping in one walkable area with many of your favorite retail stores adorned in holiday decorations, lights and holiday music.

Downtown Crossing also offers its annual Holiday Market, open daily from Nov. 26 through Dec. 31. This traditional holiday market features handcrafted and one of a kind, specialty items amidst a Christmas city landscape.

The Prudential Center, located at 800 Boylston St., offers a shopping mall experience unlike anything found in your typical shop-

ping malls.

The "Pru" is filled with many high end designer stores, retailers, restaurants, and salons, making this a smorgasbord of luxury for the serious shopper.

Some of the Pru retailers may not be within everyone's Christmas shopping budget, but window shopping is always free, and can be almost as satisfying.

The Pru does offer holiday ambiance that is cost free, and is sure to get you in the spirit of the season.

On Friday evenings, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Pru highlights two holiday favorites, caroling and cocoa.

Start off a weekend of holiday fun in the Boylston Plaza with warm cocoa and carols sung by a cappella quartet. Carolers are professional singers from both the New York City and Boston areas, and provide plenty of winter holiday songs.

After the caroling, play Winter Pru Fun and Seek for a chance to win one of three \$1,000 Prudential Center Gift Cards. Find all five of the winter activity stickers hidden within the center. Stickers all have the Pru logo and are in the shapes of a sled, mitten, hot cocoa cup, snowflake and a snowman.

Once you find all the stickers, take a selfie with each sticker and post the photos on Instagram (be sure to tag your photos @PruBoston and #PruandSeek). Winners will be announced every Thursday until Christmas.

When looking for that one of a kind gift for that special someone on your shopping list, look no further than Snowport.

Snowport, located at 88 Seaport Blvd in Boston's Seaport, is a European-style, winter holiday market offering holiday shopping mixed with fun, food and activities.

This marketplace features over 100 small businesses that sell art, jewelry, home goods, clothing, hand-crafted items, and much more.

Enjoy the fresh sea air and a cup of hot cocoa while shopping and taking in the holiday lights that decorate the area. There are also multiple food trucks and vendors onsite to partake in almost any type of refreshments from fresh waffles to craft beer.

Snowport hours are Monday through Thursday from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. now through Jan. 2.

Another holiday shopping tradition you may not want to miss is the Harvard Square Holiday Fair, located at 29 Mount Auburn St. in nearby Cambridge.

This holiday marketplace has been a shopping tradition for more than 30 years, and includes select crafters from all over New England offering beautiful handmade items of all types. Fair hours are weekdays 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and weekends 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., now through Dec. 22.

You can also choose to shop at Boston's famous Faneuil Hall Market, offering holiday market style shopping year 'round, mixed in with your favorite retail stores.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 concerns, the annual holiday "Blink" lights and sound extravaganza has been cancelled for the second year in a row, and the huge, lit tree that normally stands outside of Faneuil Hall was not put up this year.

However, there is a decorated tree in the Quincy Market Building, and Faneuil Hall retailers have decorated their storefronts to create a festive shopping atmosphere that is sure to put you in the holiday mood.

After walking and shopping in the brisk December air, there are plenty of eateries to choose from to enjoy a relaxing meal, or have a quick bite to refuel between shopping.

This holiday season, don't be dragged down with the chore of holiday shopping in a stuffy mall or behind a lonely computer screen. Boston is just a short drive or train ride away, and can transform the drudgery of holiday shopping into a magical holiday experience the whole family can enjoy.

Submerge yourself in the spirit of the season that only Christmastime in the city can offer. Enjoying the elaborately decorated storefronts, twinkling city lights and holiday music that fills the air and warms the heart, might just be worth more than any gift you could buy.

◀ ▶ Find everything on your Christmas list at Snowport, a European-style, outdoor Christmas market located in Boston's Seaport. (Heather Burns photos)



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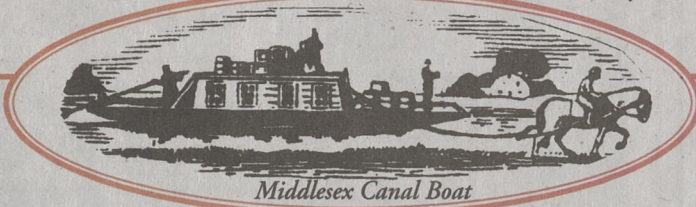
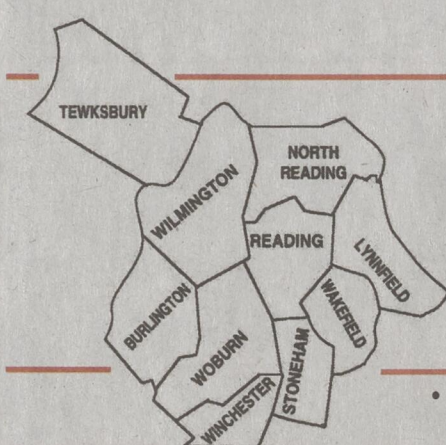
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Winchester's Macdonald new President of Mass Golf



Alan Macdonald

By RYAN LAROCHE

Mass Golf has a new president of its board of directors and he's a local Winchester Country Club member. Alan Macdonald, 77, takes over the reins from Thomas Berkel. Macdonald previously served as both treasurer and vice president since joining the board in 2007.

"I've always been delighted to be given the chance to be involved with Mass Golf," said Macdonald, a lifelong Winchester resident who now resides at the Ledges on the Lexington and Woburn line. "I just know how much I enjoy the game, the atmosphere, the friendships, and the history that Mass Golf has is special. This is a real honor and a

heavy responsibility to make sure that we continue to grow the game and strengthen the association itself, and I'm thrilled to be involved with it."

Macdonald came to the sport of golf in a roundabout way, having never seen a golf course until his teenage years and he didn't start playing until the end of high school. He said he began his career as a caddie at 14 and learned at Poland Spring Caddie Camp in Maine.

"I made \$2.50 a day, but paid \$2 in fees," he joked about his introduction to the sport he's grown to love and respect.

Macdonald said he's ready to take on new challenges and continue grow the game in Massachusetts, both at the youth level and with women.

Mass Golf runs 19 amateur state championships, for men and women, plus the Mass Junior and Senior championships.

While the organization has a relationship with the PGA Tour and USGA (United States Golf Association), they have no direct influence over either. Though Mass Golf welcomes the U.S. Open to Brookline Country Club this June, they didn't have a hand in bringing the longstanding tournament to the state.

"We're aware of what each other is doing," Macdonald said about the relationship between the two organizations, adding Mass Golf and the USGA recently met in Brookline to discuss the upcoming event.

The new president of the board of directors said he planned to volunteer at the tournament and noted he's been fortunate to play the Brookline course several times, calling it a "wonderful experience."

Mostly, Macdonald plans to continue promoting the First Tee initiative, an education program for young people to learn the game and learn sportsmanship. He said they run the program out of several communities including Boston, Brockton, Natick, Springfield, and on the Cape.

"We use the program to encourage and grow the game with women and young people," Macdonald stressed.

Overall, his board will set the policy and provide oversight for Mass Golf. As president, he receives a one or two year term. Macdonald became the 61st president in the nearly 120 years of Mass Golf's existence.

When he's not busy overseeing Mass Golf, you can probably find Macdonald at Winchester Country Club playing a round or just catching up with old friends. He's been a member at the club for 46 years, joining in his 20s when some of his high school friends suggested it.

"If you sponsor me, I will (join)," he told his friends some 50 years ago.

He's been a member ever since, joking that he enjoys an "occasional" game of golf.

It took until his 30s for Macdonald to really start playing the game; however, he said his number one priority is always friendship. He places the camaraderie of playing a round with friends over the actual game (and especially now that he's older he cares less about his score and more about enjoying the time spent with those close to him), saying he's

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made life-long friends through both competitions and the social aspect of the club.

Before he joined the board of directors at Mass Golf, Macdonald completed rules official school. This means if you need someone to explain the rules of golf (and they can get confusing), he's your guy. Now that he's president, he has more to worry about than just the rules.

"It's an honor and I'm humbled," he said about his nomination.

He shared his pride in Mass Golf, saying it's filled with both excellent and average golfers who all enjoy their involvement (Macdonald, to his credit, said he never got great at the game). He did admit his passion for the game changed as he aged. In his youth, he enjoyed the competition; now he favors being involved in the behind-the-scenes aspects.

"My passion grew because I enjoy all aspects," he admitted, "and I hope others can enjoy it, too."

Because Mass Golf works with amateur golfers, they also run the handicap system that contains more than 100,000 golfers. This includes both private and public courses. Even with so many players in the state, Macdonald still offers a strategic plan to grow the game through young people.

A Youth on Course program allows young people to play for \$5 a round through a number of courses. He also hopes to expand the First Tee program to more places statewide and place a greater emphasis on opportunities for women.

"I hope to expand entry level tournaments for women," he acknowledged, pointing out how many women are reticent to jump in whereas men think they're great after one swing.

Macdonald hopes he can at least make Mass Golf more visible. In 2018, Mass Golf merged with the women's association (who actually began in 1900, several years before Mass Golf) to provide more support for women's events.

"They had a strong association without much help from a staff," Macdonald said about the women's club.

This merger should now increase the strength of the organization for both men and women.

When Macdonald's time comes to an end as the head of the board, he hopes to continue volunteering with Mass Golf. He noted there's no age limit to working with the organization so he "hopes to stay involved in the future."

Macdonald remarked it's "hard to just sign off," but said he would be happy to "pass the baton" to the next president and help to continue to draw people into the organization.

Fortunately, Macdonald has several grandsons who golf including one who's the current captain of the Higham High School golf team. It looks like golfing runs in the family.

With Macdonald retired from his "normal" career, it gives him plenty of time to take in his grandsons' golf tournaments or play in his own. Just remember: he's no longer necessarily playing to win, but rather for the fun of the game (though he would probably still celebrate a hole-in-one).



ALAN G. MACDONALD, center, stands with Mass Golf Executive Director/CEO Jesse Menachem and outgoing president, Tom Berkel.
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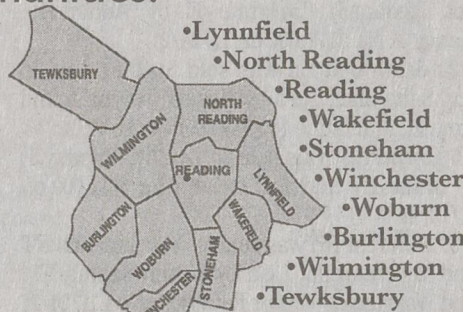
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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Sorkin goes behind the scenes of Lucy and Desi

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer



ROMANTIC COMEDY - Nicole Kidman as Lucille Ball, left, and Javier Bardem as Desi Arnaz in a scene from "Being the Ricardos" from Amazon Studios. The film paints a smart picture of a complex woman.
(Glen Wilson/Amazon via AP)

If things had gone according to plan, Lucille Ball would have been a major movie star. Instead, she had to settle for being the queen of television comedy for over 25 years. Not exactly a lousy alternative. But the new film "Being the Ricardos" does make one wonder if Ball may have had a few other successful careers, like director (and not just of her own show) had she been born just a few years later.

In Aaron Sorkin's loving and sharp dramatization of a particularly fraught week during the making of "I Love Lucy," Ball, as played by Nicole Kidman, is painted as serious and shrewd, someone who can visualize a scene and the audience reaction to it on the first read of a script. She knows in an instant if a joke or a beat will work and is not shy about letting everyone know when it doesn't.

Though Ball was a famous perfectionist, in "Being the Ricardos" we are catching her at a heightened and stressful moment in which a few major life moments coalesce on top of the everyday burdens of trying to put together an episode by the Friday taping. Not only is she worried about her husband's fidelity (Javier Bardem plays Desi Arnaz) and convincing the network and prudish sponsors to let her be pregnant on the show, she's also being accused of being a Communist which could be the end of "I Love Lucy." So naturally she diverts her attention to a dinner scene that's not working.

Sorkin cuts back in time and forward so that the writers and showrunner can help narrate everything documentary-style. And although it's not attempting to depict Lucille's whole life, he does make sure to show the origins of their courtship and relationship, which happened to coincide with the end of Lucille's time at RKO (and her shot at movie stardom). While no one is going to mistake either Kidman or Bardem for either of their real-life counterparts, they were hired to be actors, not mimics and do a terrific job

bringing to life the spirit of their characters off-camera lives, illustrating a full, complex, adult relationship.

But "Being the Ricardos" really shines in the wings, with the depiction of the tireless writers (Alia Shawkat as Madelyn Pugh and Jake Lacy as Bob Carroll Jr.), the hand-dog showrunner (Tony Hale as Jess Oppenheimer) and the bickering supporting players (Nina Arianda, transcendent as Vivian Vance and J.K. Simmons as William Frawley). It may not be the most pleasant environment, but it is romantic in that classic Hollywood way — full of ego, banter, barbs and breakthroughs that, for better or worse, you'd never get on a Zoom call.

Sorkin bites off a lot here — he wants this film to be about everything. And the dialogue is so typically snappy that he basically gets away with it.

It's practically criminal how easy it would be to watch performers like Shawkat, Arianda and Simmons throw jabs at one another and each get their own arc to chew on. Shawkat is the lone woman in the writers' room trying to carve out a career for herself while making sure Lucy isn't infantilized. Arianda is the show's punching bag and it's starting to get to her. And Simmons is the prickly washed up drunk until the script needs him to be the

wise washed up drunk (and he's very good at both).

Lucille is a bit more of an enigma, harder to love and embrace. She never pretended to be her on screen character and like so many great comedians seemed to save it all for the stage. As in "Molly's Game" Sorkin perhaps overreaches with his therapy insights, positing that deep down all Lucille wanted was a place that felt like home.

And it all would have been perfectly fine without the Communist subplot, but that's just there to help all the other dramatic revelations come out. "Being the Ricardos" is a Sorkin event through and through and an earnest, smart picture of a complex woman and, like her show, it all goes down so smoothly you barely even get a chance to appreciate the labor behind it.

"Being the Ricardos," an Amazon Studios release in theaters Friday and streaming on Dec. 21, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language." Running time: 125 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Follow AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ldbahr](https://twitter.com/ldbahr)

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M. E. SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP

Sharing is Caring All proceeds assist local families.

Middlesex East Publications, in association with the Salvation Army will sponsor "M.E. Santa" this holiday season to benefit needy individuals and families in the area.

In many past years, the Salvation Army has worked quietly within the communities. But this year it is asking for assistance due to increased pressure to provide services.

Funds will be distributed locally in the M.E. communities which include: Wilmington, Tewksbury, No. Reading, Lynnfield, Reading, Stoneham, Burlington, Woburn, Wakefield and Winchester.

A list of contributors will be published in Middlesex East throughout December.

Corporations and individuals are encouraged to include their names as part of their donations as efforts are made to promote the fund.

The "M.E. Santa" effort is actually part of the Salvation Army's ongoing service program.

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• **MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:** What NFL team has the current longest playoff drought?

Answer appears below:

High school indoor sports will be starting with masks for athletes, coaches, spectators

Student-athletes, coaches, and officials, as well as spectators, will be required to wear masks during indoor sporting events this winter.

According to the MIAA, the mask guidelines are consistent with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and will maximize full participation of winter sports.

The mask mandate was also in place for fall indoor sporting events like volleyball. Winter sports include basketball, wrestling, hockey, indoor track, gymnastics, swimming and skiing.

The MIAA will consider a transition to removing masks for indoor games this winter in January, specifically Jan. 15 is the date that it will assess mask guidance for schools.

A few of the restrictions will be relaxed in basketball where there will be under-the-basket out of bounds plays, players can be in the

free throw lane for all free throws, and not just ones that "play the miss." Sanitizing of the basketballs will not be required.

High school hockey teams will also be required to wear masks. One slight major change this season is the MIAA approved a rule change that will allow teams to play 17-minute periods beginning this season.

MIAA put on the spot for special treatment to football
Members of the MIAA Board of Directors were reviewing some feedback from the first statewide postseason tournaments that were just completed and football drew some negative feedback for its inconsistencies with other fall sports.

The MIAA has put the Super 8 boys hockey tournament on pause for two years. At issue for this change was maintaining consistency, equity and Title IX compliance across all MIAA sports that was not consistent with a Super 8-type tournament. Due to the new statewide tournament structure that started this past fall, the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee back in April had voted to eliminate Super 8 tournaments, for "four years" while they study four years of data



under the new statewide tournament. The committee thought it was important to start fresh under the new statewide format. The new tournament structure will include using power ratings rather than straight winning percentage.

The Super 8 was instituted for Massachusetts high school hockey in 1991. Before then, Catholic schools won every Division 1 state title from 1979-90 as well as winning in Division 2 from 1986-90. Even at the "Super 8" level, just four public school teams have won the title in those 30 years — Reading (2008), Hingham (2010) and Arlington (2017, 2020 co-title).

But now football is coming under fire for inconsistency with other sports.

Most of the criticisms focused around some of the benefits those Super Bowl teams receive, compared with teams from other fall championship sports. Among them were: Super Bowls played at Gillette Stadium vs. high school venues

for other sports; Super Bowl teams exclusively having a championship breakfast at Gillette; and unique trophies awarded to the Super Bowl winners.

The MIAA is reviewing these concerns.

Bowling in and around Boston

Bowling. It's an American pastime that just never gets old. From a rowdy Saturday night with friends or a relaxing Tuesday afternoon game, it's always a good option when looking for something to do. Check out the list below for some of the more popular spots to bowl in and around Boston.

Lucky Strike Fenway: 145 Ipswich St., Boston. Vintage-mod bowling spot offering 16 lanes, lounge, dancing & regular DJs, with 21+ policy at night.

Boston Bowl: 820 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Round-the-clock bowling & billiards, plus a brewpub serving suds & bar bites till late.

South Boston Candelpin:

643 East Broadway, South Boston. Open Friday and Saturday nights until 11 p.m.

Kings: Also locations in Burlington and Lynnfield. The bowling goes hand-in-hand with a premier social gaming and entertainment experience in a fun, clean and safe environment, according to its website.

Local area college news and notes

Woburn's MARC GAT-COMB, a 6-2, 195-pound senior forward on the UConn men's hockey team, has already equalled his career-high in points with the Huskies. Gatcomb has a scoring line of 5-7-12 in 14 games to tie his career high of 12 points.

Unfortunately for the Huskies program, their last four games have been postponed due to covid-related issues. Games with Merrimack (Dec. 3-4) and AIC (Dec. 9, 11) were postponed. UConn is now off anyway until Jan. 2 due to semester break.

Winchester's LUKE MIX, is a 6-2, 200-pound freshman defenseman on the Saint Anselm men's hockey team. Mix has three assists with 23 shots on net and has eight penalty minutes.

A graduate of Winchester High School, Mix also

played lacrosse and ice hockey for the Red & Black where he was named a Middlesex League All-Star in both sports.

He did a post-grad year at Philips Exeter Academy where he played ice hockey and also played Junior Hockey with the Jr. Bruins.

Burlington's KELLY BROWNE, a senior forward and captain, has 6 goals and 7 assists for 13 points for the Boston College women's ice hockey team. Browne is closing in on 100 career points with the Eagles as she currently has 96 on 37 goals and 59 assists in her career. The BC women are 10-8 on the year as they are off on semester break until Jan. 3.

Browne recently has the game-winning goal in overtime at Maine on Dec. 4 in a 2-1 victory. The night before, Browne assists on the OT game-winner by teammate Hannah Bilka in a 4-3 win at Maine.

Answer to this week's question: The New York Jets haven't made the playoffs since the 2010 season.

• **DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?** If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to sports@dailytimesinc.com.

• Real Estate Transfers •

BURLINGTON

4 Alma Rd was sold to MG Dev Properties LLC by Sawyer, Dianne M for \$620,000 on 11/23/21

169 Bedford St was sold to Mardirosian, Aurelian by Bedford Street Plaza LLC for \$3,050,000 on 11/22/21

8 Liberty Ave was sold to Sayed, Abu and Begum, Ferdous by Cummings, George J and Cummings, Maryann for \$995,000 on 11/23/21

46 Mountain Rd was sold to Shah, Deepak by Burley, Diane for \$780,000 on 11/19/21

33 Prouty Rd was sold to Long-Ng, Weng and Wu, Pak Y by Bosworth LT and Bosworth, Andrew W for \$785,000 on 11/22/21

18 Ray Ave was sold to 18 Ray Avenue LLC by A Burlington Hldg LLC for \$1,940,000 on 11/17/21

7 Virginia Rd was sold to Kamthewala, Nawaz S and Kamthewala, Kainathanu N by Salina, Dawn E for \$1,161,500 on 11/22/21

NORTH READING

10 Bishops Way was sold to Ouellette, Matthew K and Ouellette, Erin E by Powers, M Chase and Powers, Timothy M for \$980,000 on 11/23/21

7 Country Club Rd was sold to Martin, Jessica L and Gaudet, Thomas C by Allan, John R and Allan, Joanne E for \$645,000 on 11/22/21

44 Main St #22 was sold to Viga, Olgert and Ndoni, Irma by Radoccia, David A for \$277,500 on 11/23/21

63 Marblehead St was sold to Espinoza, Bianca and Riscica, Phillip by Gans, Marina and Walsh, Derek for \$535,000 on 11/18/21

240 Martins Lndg #6305 was sold to Cunha-Power, Cheryl by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$479,350 on 11/24/21

240 Martins Lndg #6306 was sold to Marcella-Stanley, Dorothy by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$588,805 on 11/24/21

240 Martins Lndg #6307 was sold to Colantuoni, Gerald R and Colantuoni, Laura A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$538,830 on 11/24/21

240 Martins Lndg #6401 was sold to Verrier, Richard G and Verrier, Geraldine A by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$601,995 on 11/23/21

240 Martins Lndg #6402 was sold to VanKavelaar, Roland D and VanKavelaar, Janice C by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$468,350 on 11/22/21

240 Martins Lndg #6403 was sold to Pike, Marianne B by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$486,195 on 11/17/21

240 Martins Lndg #6404 was sold to Quinlan FT and Quinlan, Brendan M by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$482,305 on 11/18/21

240 Martins Lndg #6409 was sold to Bastos Contardo RET and Bastos, Lisa by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$564,175 on 11/18/21

240 Martins Lndg #6411 was sold to Andrew R Horne 2011 T and Horne, Andrew R by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$566,530 on 11/22/21

240 Martins Lndg #6412 was sold to Croteau, Joseph L and Croteau, Joanne F by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$569,785 on 11/23/21

22 Oakdale Rd was sold to Voisinet, Josephine by Jensen, Robert E and Jensen, Lori J for \$432,500 on 11/24/21

2 Old Andover Rd was sold to Losowski, Filip J by Zhang, Peng and Feng, Lili for \$495,000 on 11/23/21

348 Park St #202 was sold to Arrow Park LLC by Mackoul, Matthew M for \$243,000 on 11/26/21

READING

36 Augustus Ct #4010 was sold to Siggins, Robert by Towers, David and Anastasopoulou, Helen for \$575,000 on 11/17/21

34-36 Bancroft Ave #1 was sold to Manganiello, Joseph by Bancroft Estates LLC for \$527,575 on 11/22/21

34-36 Bancroft Ave #2 was sold to Manganiello, Anthony by Bancroft Estates LLC for \$624,500 on 11/22/21

34-36 Bancroft Ave #3 was sold to Agrawal, Anuj and Joaquin, Jessica by Bancroft Es-

tates LLC for \$744,463 on 11/19/21

23 Edgemont Ave was sold to Hakes, Patrick R and Starzyk, Shelley M by Bartlett-Keogh, Judy and Bartlett-Keogh, Judith for \$710,023 on 11/18/21

29 Gardner Rd was sold to Lloshi, Ersida and Lamce, Erlind by Kelleher, Elizabeth and Thorsteinsson, Asdis for \$665,000 on 11/19/21

19 Garrett Rd was sold to Escalera-McCarthy, Corinn and McCarthy, Ryan A by Daly Family Hldg T and Daly, Timothy R for \$850,000 on 11/22/21

15 Intervale Ter was sold to Lattal, Sean and Lattal, Erin by Tedesco, Julie for \$740,000 on 11/17/21

112 Johnson Woods Dr #303 was sold to Berte, Phyllis T by Redstone Realty LLC for \$750,000 on 11/24/21

110 Rustic Ln was sold to Parry, Steven M and Parry, Stefany by MDT Tango LLC for \$1,750,000 on 11/22/21

255 Salem St #2 was sold to Waden, Patricia and Waden, David R by Domenic G Pittella LT and Cormier, Lisa M for \$500,000 on 11/23/21

6 Summer Ave was sold to Hrdina, Julia M and Hrdina, Markus by Cotter, Daniel J and Cotter, Paula M for \$600,000 on 11/22/21

5 Washington St #C1 was sold to Prince, Robert A by Kazzie, Elias for \$301,500 on 11/17/21

13 Winthrop Ave was sold to Gajdosik, Martin and Adlparvar, Fatemeh by Richards, James D and Richards, Christina M for \$696,000 on 11/24/21

STONEHAM

23 Cedar Ave was sold to Johnston, Rebecca by Tarbox, Calvin and Tarbox, Amanda for \$647,000 on 11/19/21

39 Chestnut St #2C was sold to Cordeau, Haley E and Jaehnig, David M by Fitzpatrick, Matthew T for \$460,000 on 11/19/21

21 Dewitt Rd was sold to Manzi, Kelley and Manzi, Vincent by Messuri Michael S Est and Messuri, John A for \$626,000 on 11/19/21

134 Hancock St was sold to Lima, Margarida and Lima, Michelle by Smith, Robert D and White, Nancy J for \$900,000 on 11/24/21

100 Ledgewood Dr #514 was sold to Silinsky, William and Silinsky, Margaret by Geehan, Regina K for \$489,900 on 11/17/21

200 Ledgewood Dr #408 was sold to Faunbar INT and McCarthy, Shawn B by Hanley, Kristin M and Hanley, Robert S for \$315,000 on 11/19/21

40 Main St #101 was sold to Nazario, Rosineri by Colt, S George for \$336,000 on 11/19/21

66 Main St #31A was sold to Doody, Brian E and Doody, Sandra L by 2014 B Doherty T and Sanosn, Linda for \$324,000 on 11/22/21

300 Park Terrace Dr #309 was sold to Saka, Ahmet N by Darnell, Alison W for \$244,000 on 11/23/21

8 Randolph Rd was sold to Gilbert, Michael by Manzi, Vincent M and Manzi, Kelly N for \$754,000 on 11/19/21

TEWKSBURY

11 Jills Way #11 was sold to Keating-Posco, Kimberly by Gonzalez Elizabeth Est and Victor, Cristiane S for \$618,000 on 11/17/21

91 Katie Way was sold to Mcaveaney, Lauren M by Pierson, John P and Pierson, Lisa for \$715,000 on 11/23/21

1215 Main St #125 was sold to Fitzmaurice Prop LLC by Walsh, Sharon J for \$200,000 on 11/19/21

1215 Main St #126 was sold to Fitzmaurice Prop LLC by Walsh, Sharon J for \$200,000 on 11/19/21

399 North St was sold to Pavlov, Victor and Mashkovtseva, Kristina by Redevelopment Assoc LLC for \$849,900 on 11/22/21

438 Pleasant St was sold to Warner, Samuel H and Rice, Shannon E by Wolfinger, Michael L and Wolfinger, Laura B for \$581,000 on 11/17/21

39 Primrose Cir #39 was sold to Coleman, Sonjia by Aranha, Rafael D and Aranha,

Camila A for \$469,000 on 11/18/21

904 Shawshen St was sold to Loftus, Jenna L by Hanley, Paul E and Hanley, Diana B for \$500,000 on 11/24/21

165 Terramor Dr was sold to Conti, Christopher L and Conti, Tanya K by AMG Development LLC for \$867,900 on 11/23/21

195 Terramor Dr was sold to Wagstaff, Brad M and Wagstaff, Lauren A by AMG Development LLC for \$852,900 on 11/24/21

WAKEFIELD

9 2nd St was sold to Baburkin, Viktoriia and Baburkin, Dmitry by Kathleen D Kirby RET and Kirby, Kathleen-D for \$487,000 on 11/19/21

242 Albion St #B was sold to Yeum, Michael H by Cade, David L and Faust, Kimberly K for \$650,000 on 11/23/21

272 Albion St #13 was sold to Cenolli, Altin by Oneil, Maura E and Oneil, David W for \$225,000 on 11/23/21

11 Columbia Rd #1 was sold to Heinold, Ryan C by Cullen, Christopher for \$265,000 on 11/23/21

16 Crystal St was sold to Gismondi, Adam N and Cenami, Alexis by Martin, Jake and Martin, Gillian for \$840,000 on 11/18/21

9 Daniel Rd was sold to Dolan, Michael J and Leonard, Carlynne E by Addonizio, Nancy A for \$775,000 on 11/24/21

23 Gumwood Ln was sold to Sher, Lee M and Saba-Sher, Sara by Howell, Wayne A and Howell, Marianne for \$880,000 on 11/17/21

5 Herbert St was sold to Ivanov, Nikolay L by Smith RT and Tai, Peter J for \$611,000 on 11/18/21

33 Hillcrest Rd was sold to Vecchiarello FT and Vecchiarello, Lisa by Kusch Sabina Est and Waystack, F Peter for \$630,000 on 11/24/21

894 Main St #8 was sold to Meservey, Victor by Tirupapuliyur, Jawahar M and Rajasekaran for \$575,000 on 11/23/21

10 Mansion Rd was sold to Mahoney, Jon B and Mahoney, Laurie by JCG Investments LLC for \$1,500,000 on 11/19/21

4 Myrtle Ave was sold to Hegner, Elizabeth S and Hegner, Daniel F by Kozachuk, Robin T and Kozachuk, William D for \$540,000 on 11/19/21

48 N Emerson St #10 was sold to Zivan, Jonathan W and Zivan, Umaporn by Mazza, Elizabeth A for \$320,000 on 11/24/21

WILMINGTON

14 Amherst Rd was sold to Thibert, Jason and Thibert, Lucia by Rozopoulos, George and Rozopoulos, Michelle for \$1,400,000 on 11/23/21

234 Burlington Ave #5 was sold to Patel, Suhad and Patel, Nirali by Benchmark Prop Assoc LLC for \$985,000 on 11/23/21

136 Church St was sold to Ocean, Amerline and Pierre, Thierry by B E Harrison 2009 IRT and Harrison, Janet S for \$488,000 on 11/22/21

12 Cochrane Rd was sold to Cavanaugh, Joseph by Chilinski, Damon E for \$320,000 on 11/23/21

Concord St was sold to HRP Fordham LLC by Wilmington RT and Wilmington Fordham Rd for \$60,000,000 on 11/26/21

40 Fordham Rd was sold to HRP Fordham LLC by Wilmington RT and Wilmington Fordham Rd for \$60,000,000 on 11/26/21

50 Fordham Rd was sold to HRP Fordham LLC by Wilmington RT and Wilmington Fordham Rd for \$60,000,000 on 11/26/21

75 Forest St was sold to Rice, William P and Rice, Susan J by Castellar Properties LLC for \$580,000 on 11/17/21

105 Middlesex Ave was sold to Pollard, Wayne and Pollard, Julia by Landry, Charlen M for \$500,000 on 11/17/21

18 Salem St was sold to Tallberg, Virginia W and Abdullah, Jawed by Robinson, William J and Robinson, Nanci A for \$535,000 on 11/24/21

189 Woburn St was sold to Assis, Leonardo P by Cresta, Nicholas S for \$640,000 on 11/18/21

WINCHESTER

7 Conant Rd #47 was sold to Tavilla, Denise

B by Hetges, Stefan for \$545,429 on 11/23/21

36 Elmwood Ave #8 was sold to Venikov, Andrew and Karpova, Yekaterina by 36-40 Elmwood LLC for \$950,000 on 11/19/21

6 Glenwood Ave was sold to Quinn, Paul J by James Loftus Jr T and Loftus, James J for \$775,000 on 11/17/21

42 Holland St was sold to Go, Darbon and Go, Christina by Percoco RT and Percoco, Joanne J for \$1,370,000 on 11/23/21

171 Swanton St #68 was sold to Segura-Martinez, Angel and No, Mokhwa by Ou, Szu Hsin and Chien, Cheng Lin for \$650,000 on 11/24/21

200 Swanton St #621 was sold to Tousi-Russell, Shaghegyeh and Russell, Mark E by Zarrin, Omeed and Zarrineghbal, Mohammad for \$323,400 on 11/22/21

9 Trinity Rd was sold to Degner, Brian and Cardona, Melissa by Wang Tian FT and Wang, Yong for \$1,135,000 on 11/22/21

7 Wainwright Rd #55 was sold to Walsh, Karen by Dagostino, Ralph B and Dagostino, Leilanie C for \$1,500,000 on 11/19/21

54 Woodside Rd was sold to Parlato, Christopher B and Yilmaz, Gamze by Kiernan, Julia C for \$1,530,000 on 11/19/21

WOBURN

35 Ashburton Ave #37 was sold to Gummakonda, Uday K by KMC Development LLC for \$850,000 on 11/22/21

Atwood Ave #1 was sold to Sorabella, Pasquale by Booker, William N for \$75,000 on 11/26/21

3 Baldwin Green Cmn #309 was sold to USA Prestigious Clothiers by Arc Light NT and Ryan, William E for \$190,000 on 11/22/21

74 Beach St #2-7 was sold to Masters, Robert by Cater, Christine D and Cater, Joseph R for \$280,000 on 11/24/21

1 Bearhill Rd was sold to Polito, Gary J and Polito, Mary C by Solimine, Richard S for \$650,000 on 11/18/21

201 Bedford Rd #4 was sold to Mako, Janos and Mako, Marion by Carol A Curtin T and Curtin, Carol A for \$605,000 on 11/19/21

269 Cambridge Rd #107 was sold to Galicia-Cano, Andrea F by Warren Esther Est and Warren, Laura A for \$300,000 on 11/18/21

327 Cambridge Rd #309 was sold to Nowell, Deborah and Cuticchia, David by Kay Brown RET and Brown, Dora for \$350,000 on 11/19/21

39 Chestnut St was sold to Savran, Michaela D and Siegert, Andrew H by Hung, Virginia for \$550,000 on 11/19/21

8 Driftwood Dr was sold to Cellaco Partnership by Verizon New England Inc for \$77,300 on 11/19/21

156 Green St was sold to Bien-Aime, Jacques and Bien-Aime, Mirlande by L&V Homes LLC for \$675,000 on 11/19/21

22 Hiawatha Rd was sold to Covino, Louis J by Covino, Louis for \$432,000 on 11/19/21

205 Montvale Ave was sold to Lin, Weilan and Wu, Xiu Z by Vettesse Maria A Est and Masotta, Ann M for \$455,000 on 11/17/21

15 Park Dr was sold to Ramos, Luis C and Defatima-Ramos, Maria by Cuzzupe, Frances T for \$530,000 on 11/23/21

4 Parker St was sold to Dealencar-Higa, Keren V by Mccarron, Carole M and Mccarron, David L for \$670,000 on 11/19/21

35 Prospect St #309 was sold to Dunoyer, James L by Ollenborger, Christian P and Ollenborger, Wendy P for \$243,000 on 11/24/21

Selectmen approve Hazard Mitigation Plan as required by Federal Emergency Management

BOS FROM PAGE 1

flict of interest.

Bendel also had an issue approving a motion when law services weren't retained yet. Hull proposed having the town pay for it instead, but the board still made no motion.

Public Works Director Mike Woods shared the most recent PFAS reading of non-detect in the Sargent treatment plant and 4.1 ppt at Butters Row in another memo.

Town Clerk Liz Lawrenson wrote to the board detailing that there would be a 45-day review period for the preliminary draft of the inhabitant by-law edits. Hull explained that their next steps would be to prepare articles for Town Meeting in April. Kevin Cairra asked if this could be made available to residents, and Hull said he would oblige.

Regarding the building of the new senior center, Bendel shared that the committee voted in the old St. Dorothy's site as the location. The board members each made a point of saying that they all sup-

ported a new senior center.

O'Connell made a point to say that any claims of the board members being cruel to the elderly were unfounded and unacceptable. She clarified that the special Town Meeting for the Wildwood is in accordance with the state's timeline to be eligible for funding. Bendel agreed with O'Connell that communication should be more intentional going forward about both of these projects.

The board members also pointed out that the process for the new Wildwood building would be taking five to eight years and not beginning before the new senior center.

They received a memo from Senator Bruce Tarr about an act to allocate some American Rescue Plan Act funds for things like small business assistance, which Hull said would be helpful. Cairra wondered if some funds could be moved around where they appear to be overlapping from what the town has already agreed to utilize.

They took no action on the town manager's employment agreement.

However, they approved all the alcoholic beverages, billiard rooms, vehicle sales, common victualer licenses, and entertainment licenses requested for the town's businesses. They also approved promoting an article for Town Meeting in April for

a plaque naming the walking trail in Hathaway Acres in honor of John "Jack" Maguire.

The Salute to Service went out to U. S. Marine Corps Veteran Anthony J. Trimarchi, who served from 1967 through 1972 and passed away in November.

The board will next meet on Jan. 10, 2022.

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

SECTION 00010

INVITATION TO BID

Pike Street and Astle Street
Water Main Replacement
Project, Tewksbury, MA
(PW-22-03)

Location of Work: Town of Tewksbury Massachusetts. Sealed Bids for the Pike Street and Astle Street Water Main Replacement Project will be received by the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, Massachusetts until January 20, 2022, 2:00 P.M., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bids read aloud. Bids submitted after this time will not be accepted. All questions should be submitted in writing to the Engineer of Record by 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

The work involves the following major item(s): Installation of approximately 3,500 linear feet of 16", 12", 8" and 6" ductile iron water main, approximately 600 linear feet of copper water service piping, fittings, fire hydrants, ductile iron gate valves, and other related water system work on Pike Street and Astle Street. Additional work includes trench paving of approximately 4,000 linear feet and all other related work as specified.

Drawings and other Contract Documents will be available after 2:00 P.M. local time on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, by going on www.projectdog.com, entering Project Code 845972 in the project locator box, and following the prompts to a free downloadable bid set. Contact www.projectdog.com or call 978-499-9014 for distribution

questions. No monetary deposit is required to obtain bid documents. Contract documents may also be examined, but not obtained, at the Tewksbury DPW Office during the following hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

BID SECURITIES shall be in amount of 5% of the bid and in the form of a certified check drawn upon a bank within the State of Massachusetts or a bid bond executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Massachusetts, made payable to the OWNER.

The successful bidder must furnish a 100% **PERFORMANCE** and **PAYMENT BOND** and will be required to execute the Contract Agreement within ten (10) days following notification of the acceptance of his Bid. The **OWNER** reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to accept any bid, to waive any informality on bids received, and to omit any item or items deemed advisable for the best interests of the **OWNER**. Bids are subject to Massachusetts-M.G.L. Chapter 30-Section 39M and to Massachusetts minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. Chapter 149 - Sections 26 to 27D inclusive. The award of the contract is contingent upon the availability and appropriation of funding by the Town. All costs associated with the preparation of the bids shall be the responsibility of the bidder, regardless of whether or not the Contract is awarded.

The successful bidder shall certify that all employees at the worksite will have successfully completed a course in construction safety and health approved by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) that is at least 10 hours in duration at the time the employee begins work and who shall furnish documentation of successful completion of said course with the first certified payroll for each employee.

Richard Montuori, Town Manager
Tewksbury, Massachusetts
211546 12/15/21

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 4, 2021 at 8:45 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #21-18, plan entitled, "Mount Modification Drawings", dated July 20, 2021, prepared by Eric T. Anderson, P.E., Master Consulting, 2000 Midland Drive, Suite 100, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054, for the property located at 773 Salem Street and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 23. The proposed project is to remove 9 existing antennas and replace with 8 new antennas, remove 1 junction box and replace with 2 new junction boxes, remove 6 remote radio heads and install 12 new remote radio heads, and remove 1 hybrid cable and replace with 2 new hybrid cables at the existing facility.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 4, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Definitive Subdivision Plan #21-01 and Stormwater Management Permit #21-15, plan entitled, "Eagleview Subdivision, Marion Street, Wilmington, Mass." dated December 8, 2021, prepared by Patrick L. Bower, P.E., Amoskeag Engineering Consultants, PLLC, P.O. Box 563, Sandown, NH 03873 and Scott M. Cerrato, P.L.S., LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Park Street, North Reading, MA 01864, for properties located off Marion Street, and shown on Assessor's Map 5 Parcels 2J, 3, 3A, 3C, 3D, and 3E. This subdivision is for eight new single-family house lots.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
211559 12/15,22/21

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 4, 2022 at 7:45 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Parking Relief Special Permit #21-03, plan entitled, "Site Plan", dated August 16, 2021 and last revised December 9, 2021, prepared by Brenton Cole, P.E., Granite Engineering, 150 Dow Street, Tower 2, Suite 421, Man-

chester, NH 03101. The application is for a driveway within 200 feet of another driveway off Fordham Road. Said property is located at 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 135.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Irene Riley, William D. Riley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., dated July 26, 2006 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 20346, Page 210 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, by assignment from:

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-15, recorded on September 30, 2011, in Book No. 25295, at Page 196

for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on December 29, 2021,

on the mortgaged premises located at 2A Cedarcrest Road, Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT: The land shown as Lot 17A on a "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass. Owned by Margaret T. Riley, Scale: 20 feet to an inch - December 6, 1993, Robert E. Anderson, Inc. Reg. Professional Engineer professional Land Surveyor, 178 Park Street, P.O. Box 265, North Reading, Mass." which plan is recorded at Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 187, Plan 14 to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description of said Lot 17A.

Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named grantor(s) by deed recorded with the Middlesex Registry of Deeds in Book 13803, Page 138.

"The Grantor(s) expressly reserve my/our rights of Homestead and do not wish to terminate my/our Homestead by granting the within conveyance

notwithstanding my/our waiver of such homestead in the within mortgage"

For mortgagor's(s)' title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 13803, Page 138.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The

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COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P6158EA

Estate of:
Karen J. McGillicuddy
Date of Death:
December 11, 2018

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tracy M. Snider of Richford VT

Tracy M. Snider of Richford VT has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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AND FAMILY COURT10-U Commerce Way
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(781) 865-4000

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P4762EA

Estate of:
George Apostolopoulos
Date of Death: 08/05/2017

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by: Joanne Apostolopoulos of Wilmington MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You

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MIDDLESEX DIVISION

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No. MI21P2021EA

Estate of: Alan Michael Santos
Also Known As:
Alan M. Santos
Date of Death:
February 24, 2021

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Laura L. Santos of Wilmington MA

Laura L. Santos of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/10/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 13, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California St., Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-15
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
150 California St.
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P6244EA

Estate of:
George Samuel Ward, III
Date of Death: 10/12/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Kelly-Ann Oleson of Nashua NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Kelly-Ann Oleson of Nashua NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI21P6184EA

Estate of: Joseph F. Duffy, Sr.
Also known as:
Joseph Francis Duffy
Date of Death: 08/29/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: Donna M. Luce of Henderson NV requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Donna M. Luce of Henderson NV be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 06, 2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 09, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/30/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 02, 2021

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

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Honoring our veterans during the holidays

Aaron Brown, Tommy "Action Figure" Fisher, Paul Vartanian, Jamey Champy, John Wallace, Tim Broman, Frank West, Steven Roach, Mike Frotten, Joyce Dalton, Sally Roach, Ed Walsh, Patti Meehan, John McCune, Stoney, and Lou Cimaglia place wreaths in Wilmington. (photo:BruceHilliard.com)

The Massachusetts National Guard celebrated their 385th birthday during a ceremony held at the Salem Visitor Center on Dec. 13, 2021. A museum exhibit unveiling highlighting its history titled "The Nation's First: A History of the Massachusetts National Guard" was among the events planned for the occasion.

The exhibit features artifacts, photographs and video detailing the history of "The Nation's First," from inception to present. The Massachusetts National

Guard partnered with the National Park Service to plan, produce and display the exhibit, which will be available for public viewing, beginning on Dec. 15, at the National Park Service Regional Visitor Center in Salem. Salem is the location of the original muster militia regiments held in the spring of 1637 and is federally recognized

as the "Birthplace of the National Guard."

"We're honored for the opportunity to share the history of the Massachusetts National Guard with an exhibit in Salem," said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard. "The collaboration with the National Park Service has been instru-

mental in the creation of a truly unique account of our men and women's service and sacrifice to the Commonwealth and the Nation."

The National Guard is the oldest military force in the Department of Defense. The first militia regiments in North America were organized in Massachusetts. The 101st Engin-

eer Battalion, the 101st Field Artillery Regiment, the 181st Infantry Regiment, and the 182nd Infantry Regiment trace their lineage to the North, South and East Regiments, and were created by legislative act of the Massachusetts Bay General Court on Dec. 13, 1636. This date is recognized as the birthday of

the National Guard. Today, these first regiments share the distinction of being the oldest units in the U.S. military.

Since its inception in 1636, the Massachusetts National Guard has participated in each of our nation's conflicts, steadfastly serving the country and the citizens of the Commonwealth. Over 20,000 Massachusetts National Guard Soldiers and Airmen have deployed since Sept. 11, 2001.

Massachusetts National Guard to celebrate 385th birthday this week



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2019 Honda Civic LX Sedan \$22,998
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CP0024, Auto., Kona Coffee, 69K miles

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H210976, Auto., Modern Steel, 23K miles

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H211005, Auto., White, 25K miles

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2018 Honda Accord EX-L Sedan \$26,998
H210995, Auto., Modern Steel, 57K miles

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H220126, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 45K miles

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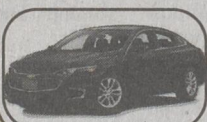
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\$12,998

2016 Chevy Malibu LT I4

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\$13,998

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Auto • Silver • 75K miles



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\$16,498

2014 Honda CRV EX AWD

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\$18,498

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Auto • Black • 71K miles



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\$23,998

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H220122, Auto., Black, 30K miles

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CP0030, Auto., White Diamond Pearl, 42K miles

2018 GMC Sierra SLT Crewcab \$37,498
H210966, Auto., Silver, 77K miles

2021 Honda Passport Sport \$37,498
CP0016, Auto., Modern Steel, 13K miles

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H210924, Auto., Majestic White, 24K miles

2018 Honda Odyssey Touring \$37,998
CP0017, Auto., Black, 53K miles

2017 Lexus RC 300 AWD \$37,998
CP0021, Auto., Ultra White, 36K miles

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HP7259, Auto., Deep Scarlet, 35K miles

2019 Honda Odyssey EX-L \$37,998
H220144, Auto., White Diamond Pearl, 42K miles

2018 GMC Sierra SLE Doublecab \$38,998
HP7285, Auto., White, 30K miles

2017 Lexus RC 300 AWD \$38,998
CP0021, Auto., Ultra White, 36K miles

2019 Chrysler Pacifica Touring \$40,698
CP0004, Auto., Velvet Red Pearl, 30K miles

2019 Honda Ridgeline RTL-T \$40,998
CP0022, Auto., Black, 42K miles

2019 Honda Ridgeline RTL-E \$41,998
CP0025, Auto., Modern Steel, 50K miles

2018 Ford F-150 Supercrew XLT \$41,998
HP7248, FX4, Auto., White Gold, 20K miles

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H220138, Auto., Deep Scarlet, 13K miles

2021 Honda Odyssey EX-L \$42,998
H220188, Auto., Deep Scarlet, 15K miles

2021 Toyota 4Runner TRD Off Road \$47,698
HP72541, Premium, Auto., Black, 13K miles

2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee \$49,498
CP0029, Summit Hemi, Auto., Black, 12K miles

2020 GMC Sierra SLT Premium Plus \$58,498
H211007, Crewcab, Auto., Black, 14K miles

2017 Ford F-350 Crewcab Platinum \$71,698
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